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KERRY PRESSES ON FOR PEACE

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BETHLEHEM, West Bank - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, seeking to quell a dispute over Jewish settlements that threatens to poison peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, pressed the Israeli government Wednesday to limit its approval of new construction.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, right, is welcomed by Israel's President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.

(AP Photo/Jason Reed)

Kerry's efforts to steady the talks got off to a bumpy start, with the Palestinians seething over recent building announcements and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel criticizing Palestinian leaders for inciting trouble and evading tough decisions.

The prime minister's comments, which came days after the Palestinian Authority president, Mahmoud Abbas, lamented the lack of progress, underscored the depth of the challenge facing Kerry as he tries to prevent the latest round of talks from slipping into a familiar cycle of recrimination.

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New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie talks to the media as he visits Jose Marti Freshman Academy in Union City, N.J. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, the day after defeating Democratic challenger Barbara Buono to win his second term as governor.

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Christie win vaults him to front of GOP for 2016

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Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey won re-election by a crushing margin, a victory that vaulted him to the front ranks of Republican presidential contenders and made him his party's foremost proponent of pragmatism over ideology. Christie declared that his decisive win should be a lesson for the nation's broken political system and his feuding party: In a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 700,000, Christie won a majority of the votes of

women and Hispanics and made impressive inroads among younger voters and blacks - groups that Republicans nationally have struggled to attract.

The governor prevailed despite holding positions contrary to those of many New Jersey voters on several key issues, including same-sex marriage, abortion rights and the minimum wage, and despite an economic recovery that has trailed the rest of the country. He attracted a broad coalition by campaigning as a straight-talking, even swaggering, leader who could reach across the

aisle to solve problems.

"I know that if we can do this in Trenton, N.J., then maybe the folks in Washington, D.C., should tune in their TVs right now and see how it's done," Christie told a packed crowd at Convention Hall in Asbury Park, where his musical idol, Bruce Springsteen, holds holiday concerts, and where red and blue lighting gave the gathering a presidential campaign-like glow. The governor all but lectured Republicans about how to appeal to groups beyond their base. "We don't just show up in the places where we're

comfortable. We show up in the places we're uncomfortable," he said, adding, "You don't just show up six months before an election."

Around the country, Republicans alarmed by the surging grass roots support for the Tea Party wing were cheered by Christie's success, saying they hope their party will learn not only from the size of Christie's margin over Barbara Buono, a Democratic state senator, but also from the makeup of his support.

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FARC, Colombia reach partial deal in peace talks

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Colombian government and rebel negotiators on Wednesday announced a partial agreement covering the guerrillas' participation in national politics if talks in Havana reach a final deal to end their decades-old armed conflict.

In a joint statement, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and representatives of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, called the new accord on point No. 2 of their six-item agenda an important achievement.

"We have arrived at a fundamental accord ... for the end of the conflict and the building of a stable, lasting peace," it said.

The two sides said the deal calls for the rebels to disarm and form a political movement. "The signing and implementation of a final agreement will contribute to the expansion and deepening of democracy, in that it will imply the laying down of arms and the prohibition of political violence for all Colombians," said the statement read to journalists by Rodolfo Benitez, a Cuban official helping facilitate the discussions.

Talks have been held in the Cuban capital over the last year.

They are set to pause before resuming Nov. 18 and focusing on a new point, drug trafficking. Earlier

this year negotiators announced a partial agreement on the first agenda item, agrarian issues.

The deals on land and political participation represent the greatest advance toward peace since the 1980s, said Hector Riveros, who was point person for peace under former Colombian President Cesar Gaviria, who served from

cess has six points. The last one is implementation. ... We've already done two, which means we're 40 percent of the way there, so I believe there is a degree of significant movement."

The talks in Havana are the fourth attempt since the 1980s to reach peace. The other three fell apart amid disagreements, mutual recriminations and flare-

day's agreement "a great victory for peace."

"This situation that presents itself today in Havana truly is cause for optimism and the conviction that it is possible to end this story of political violence," Cepeda said. Although months frequently pass and talks recess without major announcements, the deal on point No. 2 shows that "the

hit hardest by the conflict. That means essentially that representatives of political, popular and social movements arising from a final peace accord would have a transitional representation in Congress.

The statement did not give details, such as how many seats could be involved. After the statement was read, the two sides gave



Representatives from Colombia's government negotiation team, left of center, and representatives from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, negotiation team, right side of table, issue a joint statement in front of a sign that reads in Spanish "Peace Dialogues" in Havana, Cuba, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013. The government and rebel negotiators announced a partial agreement covering the guerrillas' participation in national politics if talks reach a final deal to end their decades-old armed conflict.

(AP Photo/Ismael Francisco)

1990 to 1994.

"Also, they have moved past two of the most complicated elements in the process," Rivero said by phone from the Colombian capital, Bogota. "The pro-

ups of violence.

Although the statement emphasized that much work remains, lawmaker Ivan Cepeda of the leftist Alternative Democratic Pole party called Wednes-

negotiators of the government and the FARC are not drinking daiquiris on the beach," he added.

A key element of the deal is the creation of "special constituencies" in regions

separate and optimistic assessments of the deal. "We are seeking reconciliation. May politics be free of intimidation and violence," said Humberto de la Calle, Santos' lead negotiator. □

Hijacker returns to America after 30 years in Cuba

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MIAMI (AP) — An American who hijacked an airliner to Cuba nearly 30 years ago as a self-described revolutionary flew back home Wednesday to face U.S. justice.

FBI agents took William Potts, 56, into custody shortly after his charter flight from Havana landed at Miami International Airport, said FBI spokesman Mike Leverock. Potts faces a 1985 federal indictment charging him with air piracy for hijacking a Piedmont Airlines flight in 1984.

In interviews prior to leaving Cuba, Potts said he was seeking "closure" and hoped to convince U.S. prosecutors to give him credit for the 13-plus years he spent in Cuban prison for hijacking the flight. The U.S. charge carries a sentence of between 20 years and life in prison, according to federal prosecutors. "My position is I am a free man.

I have served my time," Potts said. "But they seem to have another concept. They are going to take control of me. I will be under their authority."

Potts was taken initially from the airport to the FBI's Miami field office and later will be transferred to a downtown detention center. Potts is scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court Thursday afternoon, where the first order of business will be getting him a lawyer.

U.S. authorities have aggressively prosecuted some returning fugitives, while others saw their sentences reduced significantly for time served elsewhere. Typically, a criminal defendant who pleads guilty and accepts responsibility qual-

fies for a more lenient sentence.

In the 1960s and 1970s, dozens of American aircraft were hijacked to communist Cuba at the height of the Cold War. But by the time Potts commandeered his plane, they had become less frequent and Cuba had begun prosecuting the hijackers.

According to an FBI affidavit filed with the indictment, Potts bought a one-way ticket on the Piedmont flight on March 27, 1984. Potts has said the flight originated in Newark, N.J., but the FBI affidavit said it was

nearby LaGuardia Airport in New York.

As the airliner approached Miami, the FBI said Potts pushed a flight attendant call button and handed her a note claiming he had two "comrades" on the plane and that there were two explosive devices aboard. Potts called himself "Lt. Spartacus, a soldier in the Black Liberation Army," according to the FBI.

Potts has said in interviews he had a gun hidden in a plaster cast that was used in the hijacking, but the FBI affidavit does not mention that. □

Internet kills Blockbuster video stores

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Blockbuster, which had more than 9,000 retail stores across America nine short years ago, will close over the next two months the few hundred video-rental stores that it still has, the company's owner, Dish Network, said Wednesday in a bittersweet but long-expected announcement. Dish, which acquired Blockbuster through a bankruptcy auction in 2011, after the retailer had already been decimated by digital video distributors like Netflix, said it still sees value in the brand name and will use it in limited ways.

But it will close all Blockbuster locations - it says there are about 300 left and the distribution centers that support a DVD-by-mail service. Dish declined to say how many employees would be laid off, but previous cutbacks by the company have affected thousands of workers. The remaining locations have, on average, 10 employees or fewer each.

The announcement amounted to a surrender: A statement that Netflix, symbolized by its little red envelopes and more recently its streaming service, had prevailed over the little blue boxes that Blockbuster VHS tapes and DVDs came in.

"This is not an easy decision," Joseph P. Clayton, the chief executive of Dish, said in a statement, "yet consumer demand is clearly moving to digital distribution of video entertainment." Clayton added, "Despite our closing of the physical distribution elements of the business, we continue to see value in the Blockbuster brand, and we expect to leverage that brand as we continue to expand our digital offerings." Dish still operates "Blockbuster@Home," a streaming film service for its satellite television subscribers, and "Blockbuster On Demand," a competitor to the iTunes Store. □

2 killed, 7 hurt in Detroit barbershop shooting

COREY WILLIAMS

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Gunfire broke out Wednesday evening at a Detroit barbershop known for gambling activity, leaving at least two men dead, police say.

She said nine men were shot and two of them were confirmed dead.

Police had initially said three people were dead, but later revised that number. Miner said police have confirmed that all the vic-

wasn't yet clear how many people opened fire.

Police Chief James Craig said told reporters at the scene that "suspects engaged a couple of victims" before "several shots were fired." He said it's not

and people in the vehicles exchanged gunfire with each other.

"Somehow someone shot into the building, and that's when people rushed out of the building and were running into other



Police gather at a scene of a multiple shooting at Al's Place Barber Shop, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, in Detroit. Detroit police say gunfire broke out at the barbershop known for gambling activity, leaving at least three people dead.

(AP Photo/Detroit Free Press, Andre J. Jackson)

The shootings happened about 6 p.m. at Rockies barbershop, said police spokeswoman Kelly Miner.

tims were male. Details were sketchy because police were still investigating what happened, and it

known if any of the victims fired back. According to Miner, two cars pulled up outside the barbershop,

area businesses for cover," she said. Miner said both of the dead men were inside the barbershop. □

US poor 3 million more than official rate says

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of poor people in the United States is 3 million higher than the official count, encompassing 1 in 6 residents due to out-of-pocket medical costs and work-related expenses, according to a revised census measure released Wednesday. The new measure is aimed at providing a fuller picture of poverty, but does not replace the official government numbers. Put in place two years ago by the Obama administration, it generally is considered more reliable by social scientists because it factors in living expenses as well as the effects of government aid, such as food

stamps and tax credits. Administration officials have declined to say whether the new measure eventually could replace the official poverty formula, which is used to allocate federal dollars to states and localities and to determine eligibility for safety-net programs.

Based on the revised formula, the number of poor people in 2012 was 49.7 million, or 16 percent. That exceeds the record 46.5 million, or 15 percent, that was officially reported in September.

For the past year, the poverty line under the revised measure varied depending on whether a person owned or rented a home. For a family of four,

it ranged from annual income of \$21,400 for homeowners without a mortgage to \$25,784 for homeowners with mortgages; among renters, the poverty line was \$25,105.

The latest numbers come as more working-age adults picked up low-wage jobs in the slowly improving economy but still struggled to pay living expenses. Americans 65 and older had the largest increases in poverty under the revised formula, from 9.1 percent to 14.8 percent, because of medical expenses.

There also were increases for Hispanics and Asian-Americans, partly due to lower participation among immigrants and non-English speakers in government

aid programs.

African-Americans and children, helped by government benefits, had declines in poverty compared with the official rate.

"This is a real incongruity, when 1 in 6 people face economic insecurity here in the richest country in the world," said Joseph Stiglitz, a Columbia University economist and former chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers who has argued for more government action to alleviate income inequality. "When so many citizens are worse off year after year, with food insecurity and health care insecurity, there's no way you can say that's a successful economy." □

Christie win vaults him to front of GOP for 2016

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"We'll be led back by our governors, and Chris Christie is now at the forefront

of that resurgence," said Ed Gillespie, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee. "He's proved that a conservative Republican can get votes

from Hispanics and African-Americans, that a pro-life governor can get votes from women. This means that those voters are available to us, that we're not

shut out demographically or geographically - that it's worth the effort."

Christie's strategy of bipartisanship and outreach deliberately echoed that of another Republican governor who seized the White House after eight years of Democratic control: George W. Bush.

"We work together and they don't," Christie said in an interview Tuesday morning, contrasting Trenton and Washington. "It's not like we like each other any more than they do. I got plenty of Democrats I don't like here and that don't like me. In the interview, Christie said intelligent voices were being drowned out in Washington and described the effort led by Sen.

Ted Cruz, R-Texas, to cut off funding for President Barack Obama's health care program as "a monumental failure."

The swell of national attention around Christie had grown in the run-up to Election Day, as network cameras recorded his every move - he had a CNN microphone clipped to his tie as he campaigned Tuesday morning at the

Peterpank Diner in central New Jersey. His campaign bus had been swarmed by people seeking autographs on photos of the governor at the White House, on the cover of Time magazine, and even with his wife, Mary Pat, on their wedding day. Some clearly hoped to offer the souvenirs later for sale.

Christie's national profile will only increase later this month as he assumes leadership of the Republican Governors Association, which gives him sway over which state candidates the party will support, allowing him to rack up favors with other Republicans and create relationships with local leaders in key presidential states.

In the interview, Christie said he would be appearing frequently in "places like Ohio and Michigan and Florida," all states with incumbent Republican governors up for re-election next year.

He has also told South Carolina Republicans that he wants to help Sen. Lindsey Graham, who is facing a conservative primary challenge next year. □



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie talks to the media as he visits Jose Marti Freshman Academy in Union City, N.J. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, the day after defeating Democratic challenger Barbara Buono to win his second term as governor.

(AP Photo/Rich Schultz)

New York's new mayor pursues liberal agenda

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's newly elected mayor, emboldened by a landslide victory that made him the city's first Democratic mayor in a generation, made clear Wednesday he wanted to waste no time enacting an ambitious agenda that could push the country's largest city to the left.

Voters were drawn to the contrast that Bill de Blasio made with the 12-year era of billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg, whose policies helped make New York one of the nation's safest and most prosperous big cities but also one that has become increasingly stratified between the very rich and the working class. De Blasio declared the start of "an eight-week sprint to prepare our administra-

tion" before he takes office Jan. 1.

"The people in this city have spoken, and the mandate is clear that is our obligation to create a city in which our prosperity is shared and there is opportunity for all," he said at a news conference in which he unveiled the leaders of his transition team.

De Blasio met privately with Bloomberg at City Hall on Wednesday.

De Blasio, the city's public advocate, frequently criticized Bloomberg during the campaign but thanked the outgoing mayor for his advice.

"He and his team have been very forthcoming and very positive with their help," de Blasio told reporters, saying that he was confident that the change of power would be smooth.

Bloomberg, who first ran as a Republican and later became an independent,

guided the city through the U.S. financial meltdown and the aftermath of the

terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He is leaving office after three terms. □



New York City Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio, left, joins Mayor Michael Bloomberg for a meeting in the "Bull Pen," the mayor's main City Hall office, on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, in New York. De Blasio, the public advocate, was trouncing Republican rival Joe Lhota 73 to 24 percent in incomplete, unofficial returns that were on pace to post one of the largest routs in the history of the nation's largest city.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Hundreds of problems with website, Sebelius says, rejecting delays

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WASHINGTON - Kathleen Sebelius, the secretary of health and human services, said Wednesday that the government needed to fix hundreds of problems with the website for the federal health insurance marketplace, but she rejected bipartisan calls to delay parts of the new health care law. She made her comments at a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee just hours after the Obama administration had disclosed that the chief information officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would retire. His office supervised the creation of the troubled website.

The official, Tony Trenkle, will step down Nov. 15 "to take a position in the private sector," according to an email message circulated among agency employees.

He has supervised the spending of \$2 billion a year on information technology products and services, including the development of the website.

Trenkle, reached by telephone Wednesday, declined to discuss his plans. His retirement is part of a management shake-up announced by Michelle Snyder, the chief operating officer of the Medicare agency, who was herself deeply involved in major decisions about the insurance marketplace.

Even as Sebelius testified about progress in repairing the website, agency officials were reporting new problems Wednesday.

"The site is performing slowly," said Julie Bataille, a spokeswoman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "Some

users have difficulty logging in and receive error messages."

Bataille said it was hard to pinpoint the cause, because different consumers had experienced different problems.

Some people who have created password-protected accounts have said that they cannot get into their accounts to shop for insurance. Under the new health care law, most Americans will be required to have coverage next year.

The online marketplace, or exchange, has been plagued with problems since it opened Oct. 1.

Sebelius said officials had a list of "a couple of hundred functional fixes" that had to be made so the website, HealthCare.gov, would work smoothly for most users by Nov. 30, a deadline set by the administration.

"We're not where we need to be," Sebelius said. "It's a pretty aggressive schedule to get to the entire punch list by the end of November."

With many people unable to obtain coverage through the website, lawmakers in both parties have suggested extending the open enrollment period or delaying the financial penalties for people who go without insurance. Sebelius refused to consider those proposals.

"Delaying the Affordable Care Act would not delay people's cancer or diabetes or Parkinson's disease," she said. "It would not delay the need for mental health services or cholesterol screenings or prenatal care."

"For millions of Americans, delay is not an option," Sebelius said. "People's lives depend on this."

Sebelius said she was accountable for what she described as "a miserable five weeks" and the "excruciatingly awful" debut of the insurance website.

the lives of everyday people is getting lost."

The chief architect of the health care law, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., urged Sebelius to speed up repairs

employers. He asked for periodic updates, and he said Wednesday that the administration's responses had been "totally unsatisfactory."



Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius testifies before the Senate Finance Committee about the progress of the Affordable Care Act launch on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Nov. 6, 2013.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

But she said: "There is an even higher level of accountability - accountability to the sick, the vulnerable, the struggling Americans who deserve better health care. The impact on

to the website. At a hearing in April, Baucus told Sebelius that he foresaw "a huge train wreck" because the administration had done little to educate consumers or

Baucus asked whether it would be feasible to shut down HealthCare.gov and make all the necessary fixes at once.

"Why just keep limping along?" he asked. □

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Eisinger Column:**An argument for keeping the government's role in housing****JESSE EISINGER**

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Obamacare's early problems could recast the debate about a mortgage market overhaul.

What does health care have to do with housing prices? A lot, actually.

The stumbles with the HealthCare.gov website and the individual policy cancellations may or may not get resolved soon. But they have served a purpose. They have highlighted the extent to which health care change is a "kludge," as Paul Krugman recently wrote, a jury-rigged and complicated structure that extends social insurance largely through private sector means, leavened by a passel of government regulations and subsidies.

Obamacare was a concession to the status quo. Many progressives would have preferred a government-run, single-payer plan - Medicare for all - but that was politically impossible. Such a change would have been hugely disruptive, since tens of millions of people would have had to be moved off their policies, and many thousands in the insurance industry would have lost their jobs.

So let's turn to mortgage market change. Congress is debating what to do about Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government-owned mortgage insurance companies that collapsed during the 2008 financial crisis.

Worried that the government backs too many new mortgages, the Washington consensus has coalesced around a solution that looks a lot like Obamacare. The leading proposals involve getting rid of the Frannies to have private companies create mortgage-backed securities. The government's role would be to insure some of those mortgage-backed securities, to subsidize the home purchases of the disadvantaged and to regulate mortgage-market players to prevent

predatory practices and risk-taking that could lead to taxpayer bailouts. Sens. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., and Mark Warner, D-Va., have a bill that embodies this harmony.

So what about alternative ideas? There are surprisingly few. Some conservatives argue for the government to get out of the mortgage

(The Sandler Foundation, the founding donor of ProPublica, has long been a leading supporter of both organizations.)

What's almost entirely missing is any unashamedly liberal argument that the government should continue to play a large role in the mortgage market. In fact, it's taken as a given

have lower returns than the wealthier. But renters build almost no wealth at all, Professor Reid says.

A large government role in housing is also, let's face it, unavoidable. As even centrist Republicans agree, the government is and always will be liable if the housing market crashes. So many Americans own homes

ing Fannie and Freddie as government operations is the cleanest way to do this. Is it realistic? Keeping the government directly involved in the mortgage market has a big advantage over single-payer health care: It is the status quo. Taxpayers now own Fannie and Freddie, and the federal government



A house for sale in Moreno Valley, Calif. From its creation in 1938 until 1968, Fannie Mae was part of the government, home ownership expanded 20 percentage points, and the market never experienced the sort of crashes that occurred after Fannie became a publicly traded company.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

market completely. But what passes for the left's position in Washington is not the opposite of the right's. The liberal establishment concedes the argument that changes should bring investors back into the housing market and shrink government's role. They spend their energies pushing to expand and protect housing affordability and access. The Center for American Progress, a group that has a pipeline to the Democratic mainstream, has played a big role in formulating the current kludge concordance. Even the Center for Responsible Lending, a progressive group dedicated to fighting predatory loans, agrees "with the emerging consensus," according to a vice president of the group in Senate testimony last month, "that taxpayer risk must be insulated by more private capital."

that too much government involvement is a worrisome thing.

The opposite may well be true: There's a good argument that preserving the government's large and active role will make the market safer and more efficient than the overhaul. The consensus has it right that housing is a public good. Homeownership builds wealth, even for low-income households, according to Carolina K. Reid, a professor of city and regional planning at University of California, Berkeley. Of course it's no guarantee. When the poor buy homes, they don't stay in them as long as those in the middle and upper classes do, meaning that homeownership is more likely to be a losing proposition for the poor than for the better off. Even when the poor do manage to build wealth, they tend to

that the government will intervene during a crash. By including the government guarantee in the Frannies' overhaul plans, the plans' proponents are conceding that government involvement is necessary to lower the costs of mortgage financing. Given that, it's probably cheaper for the government to do it as directly as possible. That would be simpler than insuring private mortgage-backed securities, cutting out a whole swath of middlemen and overhead.

And it's more honest. Yes, keeping the Frannies in the government would put their liabilities on the federal balance sheet. Lyndon B. Johnson moved Fannie Mae out of the government to play this very game. But because the government obligation is inevitable, it ought to be transparent and explicit rather than obscure. Keep-

controls them. It might well be more disruptive to raze them and create a private mortgage market.

This is not a wild proposal; we've already tried it. From its creation in 1938 to 1968, Fannie Mae was part of the government. It bought loans from banks and held them on its balance sheet. Homeownership expanded by about 20 percentage points, and we had no national housing crashes that wiped out homeowners and the country's banking system.

Frannie and Freddie's problems developed much later, after they became publicly traded companies. These "neither fish nor fowl" hybrids had both government charters with implicit government guarantees and had shareholders to please. In their drive for shareholder value, the companies took more risk. □

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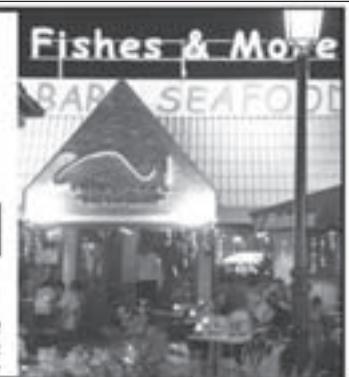
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US Financial Front:

Why a spike in American jobless may not be so bad

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The jobs report for October due out Friday may be bleak. It might even be scary. The unemployment rate could jump by the most in three years. Hiring may slow from an already weak pace.

Reason for panic?

The ugly figures will reflect the U.S. government's partial shutdown, which coincided with 16 days in October. The trends for the job market will likely reverse themselves in coming months.

"It's going to be a very messy report, and I don't think we think should take it at face value," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Economists warn that the unemployment rate could surge as high as 7.5 percent from 7.2 percent in September.

That would be the steepest one-month rise since 2010.

The number of jobs added in October could slow to roughly 120,000 from the 148,000 added in September. That isn't healthy. In the first nine months of this year, the average job gain was 180,000.

The shutdown will be mostly to blame. But its effect on the data won't be easy to tease out. Economists have all but thrown up their hands trying to forecast Friday's figures or to suggest what they might mean. However the numbers turn out, the distortions mean the monthly jobs data will be less useful in gauging the economy's health than they normally are.

"We have much less confidence in these numbers than usual," economists at Bank of America Merrill

Lynch wrote in a note for clients.

Why the confusion?

Consider how the jobs report is compiled: It's derived from two separate surveys. Each survey will be affected differently by the

furloughed by the shutdown. The payroll survey would consider you employed. But the household survey would count you as unemployed.

Why the disparity?

Because furloughed fed-

cause they weren't working during the survey period.

The shutdown furloughed about 450,000 federal employees in the second week of October. If the number of unemployed



Luis Mendez, 23, left, and Maurice Mike, 23, wait in line at a job fair held by the Miami Marlins, at Marlins Park in Miami. The jobs report for October due out Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, could jump by the most in three years. But the figures will reflect the government's partial shutdown, which coincided with 16 days in October. The trends for the job market will likely reverse themselves in coming months.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

shutdown.

One is a household survey. Government workers ask adults in a household whether they have a job. Those who don't but are looking for one are counted as unemployed. That's how the unemployment rate is calculated.

The other is a payroll survey. The government asks mostly large companies and government agencies how many of their employees worked or received pay, typically during the second week of the month. This survey produces the number of jobs gained or lost. Suppose you're a federal worker who was fur-

eral employees received back pay for the time they didn't work. So for the purposes of the payroll survey, they were employed. The same is likely true for government contractors who were temporarily laid off. Many were probably paid for at least part of the time covered by the payroll survey. So the payroll survey will consider them employed.

That's why October's job gain isn't expected to drop much.

The household survey takes a different approach: It will count both the federal workers and the contractors as unemployed be-

rises by that much in October's jobs report, the unemployment rate could reach 7.5 percent.

There will be other distortions. Some people with private employers might have been affected. Examples would be employees of hotels and restaurants near national parks that were closed.

Those workers might have been temporarily laid off, thereby boosting the unemployment rate.

Yet as long as they were paid for even one day of work during the survey period, the payroll survey would count them as employed. □

US judge won't stand in way of \$1.8B SAC deal

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge who has talked tough about insider trading stepped out of the way Wednesday of a \$1.8 billion settlement of civil and criminal charges against hedge fund giant SAC Capital, saying what he thinks of the deal that carries record penalties "is not really relevant today."

U.S. District Judge Richard J. Sullivan said at a Manhattan hearing in the civil case that to the extent his review of the deal was needed, he believed "there is sufficient basis to approve this settlement." He said he would sign the necessary paperwork involving the hedge fund owned by billionaire Steven A. Cohen.

But he added that the settlement meant that the need for the "court's scrutiny is quite minimal ... almost nonexistent" and he questioned whether he needed to approve the deal at all. Sullivan said that was not the case for Judge Laura Taylor Swain, who will preside over the criminal proceeding Friday at which lawyers for the Stamford, Connecticut-based hedge fund and related companies were expected to plead guilty to a single count of wire fraud and four counts of securities fraud. She will have more latitude to decide whether the plea settlement brings a satisfactory end to the case that the government brought over the summer, when U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara announced that SAC Capital earned hundreds of millions of dollars illegally from 1999 to 2010 as its portfolio managers and analysts traded on inside information from at least 20 public companies. □

Kerry presses Israel on settlements

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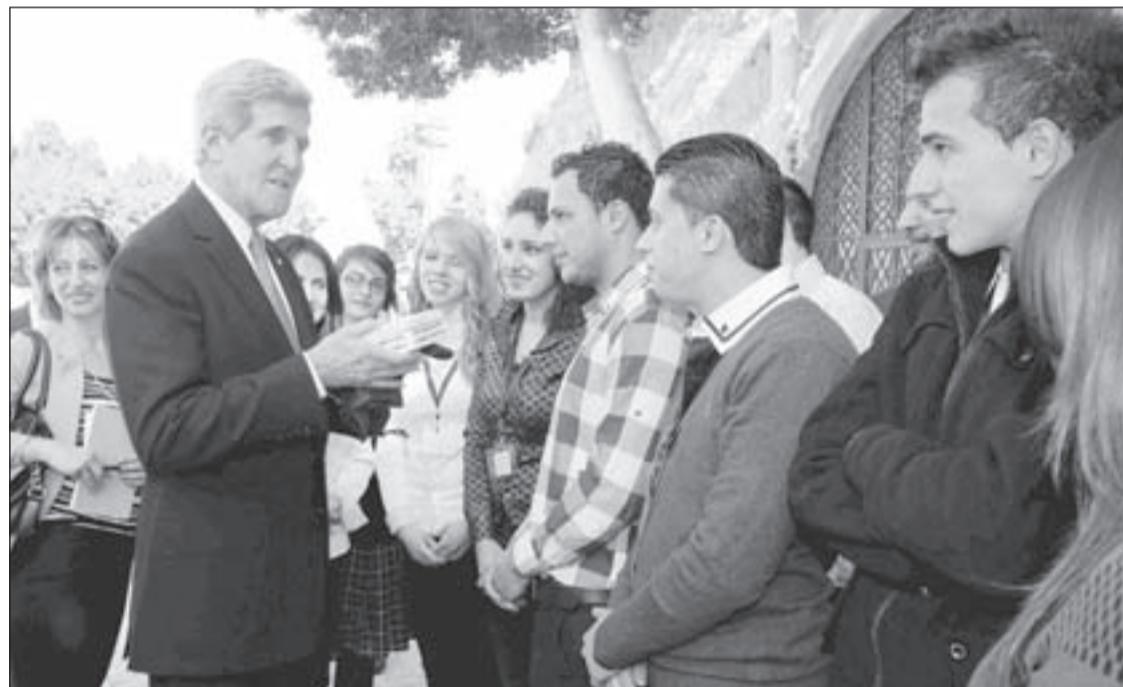
Adding to the potential hurdles for diplomacy was the acquittal Wednesday on corruption charges of Israel's former foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, whose hard-line views and polarizing style could disrupt the talks. Lieberman, who is expected to return to the foreign minister's post, has said he views a peace deal with the Palestinians as being "decades away." Kerry, who thrust

aired his dissatisfaction with the state of the talks even before the start of his meeting with Kerry, saying, "I see the Palestinians continuing with incitement, continuing to create artificial crises, continuing to avoid, run away from the historic decisions that are necessary to make a genuine peace."

At the heart of the current tempest is whether the Palestinians accepted that Israel would announce new settlement construction as it released Palestinian

"I'm very confident of our ability to work through them. That's why I'm here." Standing in a sun-splashed square next to the Church of the Nativity, Kerry announced that the United States would contribute an additional \$75 million in aid to a Palestinian Authority fund to build roads, hospitals and schools in the West Bank - a program designed to create jobs and build Palestinian support for the peace process.

Anat N. Kurz, director of research at the Institute for



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry greets Palestinian youth who presented him with a gift box at Manger Square in Bethlehem Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013. Kerry was in Bethlehem to promote USAID's assistance in improving infrastructure projects in the West Bank.

(AP Photo/Jason Reed)

himself back into the talks to recapture momentum, instead found himself dealing with anger on both sides. Under pressure from Abbas, he declared that the Palestinians had not agreed to the continued building of settlements in the West Bank as a condition for resuming direct negotiations with the Israelis. "That is not to say that they weren't aware, or we weren't aware, that there would be construction," Kerry said here after meeting Abbas. "But that construction, importantly, in our judgment, would be much better off limited as much as possible in an effort to help create a climate for these talks to be able to proceed effectively."

In Jerusalem, Netanyahu

prisoners. The Israelis say it was understood; the Palestinians reject that. On Tuesday, officials said, the dispute led to a shouting match between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

Some analysts said that the public display of outrage by Palestinian leaders, including an offer of resignation last week by the chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat, was more likely about appeasing the Palestinian street than a reflection of what is happening inside the negotiating room. But that need to show steadfastness, on both sides, is a hint of the broader hurdles Kerry faces in bridging the significant gaps.

For his part, Kerry professed to be undaunted. "There are always difficulties, always tensions," he said.

National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, said the statements by Netanyahu and Abbas, as well as a series of negative leaks, indicated that the talks were at a nadir. But that, she said, could present Kerry with an opening.

"If I want to be optimistic, I would say that in the face of the crisis, maybe the administration will step in," said Kurz, whose current research focuses on the conflict. "That would force the two sides to come up with something realistic."

Still, Palestinian leaders continued to accuse Israel of sabotaging the talks with leaks and settlement announcements, and they have taken strong positions on core issues that make a deal seem like a distant dream. □

West close to temporary nuclear deal with Iran, senior official says

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GENEVA - On the eve of a new round of talks between world powers and Iran, a senior Obama administration official said Wednesday that the United States was prepared to offer Iran limited relief from economic sanctions if Tehran agreed to halt its nuclear program and reverse part of it.

The official said that suspending Iran's nuclear efforts, perhaps for six months, would give negotiators time to pursue a comprehensive agreement.

"Put simply, what we're looking for now is a first phase, a first step, an initial understanding that stops Iran's nuclear program from moving forward for the first time in decades and that potentially rolls part of it back," the administration official told reporters on the condition of anonymity because of diplomatic concerns.

The official said that the details of such a step had already been discussed by international and Iranian officials and suggested that it might be agreed on as early as this week. It would likely include constraints on the level of Iran's uranium enrichment, the country's stockpiles of nuclear material and the abilities of its nuclear facilities, added the official, who declined to provide further details. It would also involve verification measures.

"In response to a first step agreed to by Iran that halts their program from advancing further, we are prepared to offer limited, targeted and reversible sanctions relief," the administration official added. If Iran violated the terms of such a step, or if a comprehensive agreement could not be reached, the sanctions would be fully reimposed. Iran and international negotiators are scheduled to resume two days of talks here Thursday. Iran has also suggested that a temporary agreement might be reached.

"I believe it is even possible to reach that agreement

this week," Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said in a recent interview with France 24, a major television network.

The world powers involved in the talks with Iran are known as the P5-plus-1 countries, so called because they include the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council - the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China - plus Germany.

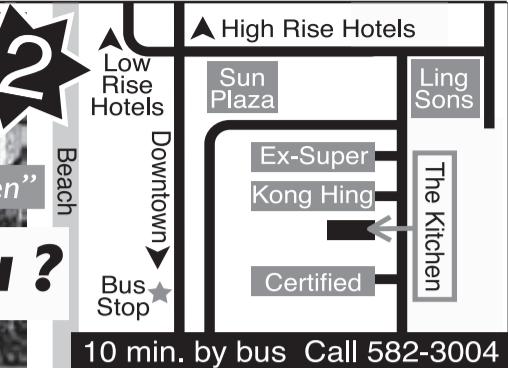
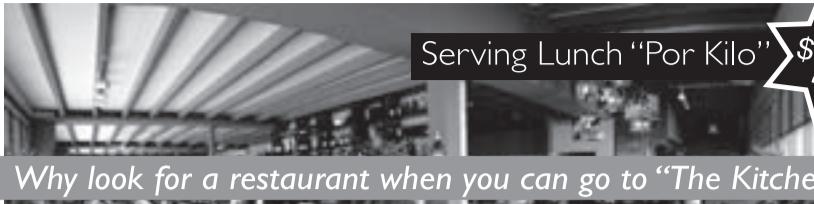
The U.S. delegation is being led by Wendy Sherman, a senior State Department official.

Western officials said that a previous round of the talks last month appeared promising but that no specific measures had been agreed upon. That round was the first since the new Iranian president, Hassan Rouhani, took office in August and announced that he wanted to resolve long-standing concerns about the country's nuclear program. Iran insists that its program is peaceful, but the United States and Israel, among others, have accused the country of seeking to develop nuclear weapons. Obama administration officials have asserted that Iran's apparent willingness to accept constraints on its program in return for sanctions relief should be tested, and they have urged Congress not to impose additional sanctions.

The duration of Iran's halt on nuclear activity under the agreement has not been finalized, but Western officials said that a six-month suspension was being considered.

The U.S. official would not say specifically what sanctions might be eased but suggested that the degree of relief would depend on the constraints Iran was willing to accept.

The initial agreement is being described as "a first step" and not an interim agreement because the United States believes it would not be an end in itself but a move toward a more sweeping agreement, the administration official said. □



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Knox's knife DNA casts doubt on murder weapon

COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

FLORENCE, Italy (AP) — U.S. student Amanda Knox's defense got a boost on Wednesday when a new DNA test on a kitchen knife failed to conclusively prove that it was the murder weapon used to kill her British roommate.

An expert witness testified that the minuscule DNA trace on the knife handle near the blade showed "considerable affinity" with Knox's own DNA.

That confirmed what was already known from two previous trials: that Knox's DNA was on the knife handle, identified through another trace.

No DNA belonging to the slain British student, Meredith Kercher, was identified. Previous genetic evidence on the blade linked to Kercher had been contested at earlier stages.

Outside the court, Knox defense lawyer Carlo Dalla Vedova told The Associated Press that the testimony confirms his contention that the knife was used by Knox solely for preparing food. "The report confirms that this is a kitchen knife. It is not a murder weapon,"

Dalla Vedova said. Luca Maori, a defense lawyer for Knox's co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito, said the trace's very existence also indicated the knife had not been washed. "It is something very important," he said. "It is absurd to use it for a murder and put it back in the drawer."

Prosecutors deferred comment for their summations, due later this month.

Knox and Sollecito were convicted in 2009 in the brutal slaying of Knox's 21-year-old roommate in the apartment they shared in Perugia, and sentenced to 26 and 25 years in jail, respectively.

The conviction was overturned on appeal in 2011, freeing Knox after four years in jail to return to the United States, where she remains for the latest appeal.

Italy's highest court ordered a fresh appeals trial, blasting the acquittal as full of contradictions and questioning failures to retest the tiny DNA trace in light of new advanced technology.

A spokesman for the Knox family in Seattle, Da-

vid Marriott, was seeking comment from Knox on Wednesday's testimony, but he said she was busy with classes at the University of Washington and doubted she would have anything to say.

The DNA evidence on the knife found by investigators

in a kitchen drawer at Sollecito's apartment has been among the most hotly contested pieces of evidence in the original trial and now

wounds, and presented evidence in the first trial that it contained Kercher's DNA on the blade and Knox's on the handle.



Raffaele Sollecito's lawyer Giulia Bongiorno speaks to the media at the end of a hearing in an appeals court in Florence, Italy, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013. American student Amanda Knox's Italian ex-boyfriend has arrived at a Florence appeals court to make a statement in the pair's third murder trial over the death of her British roommate Meredith Kercher. Knox and Sollecito's 2009 conviction of murdering Kercher was overturned on appeal in 2011, freeing her to return to the United States. But Italy's highest court ordered a fresh appeals trial, blasting the acquittal as full of contradictions. Knox has not returned to Italy for the latest trial.

(AP Photo/Fabrizio Giovannozzi)

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Prosecutors have contended the knife was the murder weapon because it matched Kercher's

But a court-ordered review during the first appeal in Perugia, where the murder happened, discredited the DNA evidence. □

Egypt upholds complicated Muslim Brotherhood ban

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A court in Egypt upheld Wednesday an earlier ruling that banned the Muslim Brotherhood and ordered its assets confiscated, the state news agency reported. The decision moves forward the complicated process of the government taking control of the Islamist group's far-reaching social network and its finances.

The Cairo Court for Urgent Matters rejected the Brotherhood's appeal to sus-

pend the Sept. 23 ruling that ordered the group's assets confiscated and its activities banned.

The sweeping September verdict was viewed as a legal pretext for the interim authorities to move against assets owned or administered by Brotherhood members, including schools, hospitals, charities, and businesses. It is part of a wider government crackdown against the group following the popularly backed coup in July that removed President Mohammed Morsi, a

Brotherhood member and Egypt's first elected leader after the 2011 fall of autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Senior leaders have been arrested, and many of them sent to trial on a number of charges, including Morsi himself. His trial began Monday on charges of incitement to murder.

Egypt's military-backed authorities formed a committee on Oct. 2 to review the Brotherhood assets but have not moved against its finances.

Outlawed for most of its 85-

year existence — with successive regimes alternating between repression and tolerance — the Brotherhood built its networks largely underground. That made it difficult for authorities to track, since many institutions were registered under individuals' names.

Brotherhood lawyer Osama el-Helw said the group will file another appeal against Wednesday's ruling, but this appeal unlike the first will not suspend implementation of the ban unless it is accepted by a court. It is

also unlikely to reverse the initial ruling, legal experts said. Ahmed Ragheb, an independent rights lawyer, said the decision has legal flaws: It comes from the wrong court and its guidelines for a government monitoring Brotherhood assets are unclear. Technically, Wednesday's verdict allows the government to move in on the group's assets. The committee that includes judicial, security and intelligence officials has started to do an inventory of the group's finances. □

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Dutch demand freedom for Greenpeace activists

DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The Netherlands asked an international tribunal Wednesday for the release of the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise and the activists who were on board when it was seized Sept. 18 by the Russian coast guard after a protest near a Gazprom-owned oil rig. Here's a look at the case and the tribunal:

Dutch attorneys say Russians had no valid reason to board the vessel without permission, thus committing an "internationally wrongful act." They argue all moves that followed — including transferring the ship to Russian waters and arresting those on board — were thus also "internationally wrongful."

Russia maintains the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, based in Hamburg, has no jurisdiction. It argues that even though Moscow ratified the United Nations Con-

vention on the Law of the Sea, it stipulated it would not accept arbitration on cases it considered nation-

al sovereignty matters. The court first needs to decide whether it has jurisdiction, based on Russia's

claim. It will then have to decide on the arguments advanced by the Netherlands, and on the Dutch



The head of the Dutch delegation an expert for international law Liesbeth Lijnzaad speaks at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany, Nov. 6, 2013. Attorneys representing the Netherlands argued in the international court that Russia violated United Nations regulations when it seized the Dutch-flagged Greenpeace ship "Arctic Sunrise" and charged all on board with piracy.

request to order the immediate release of the ship and those who had been on board: 28 Greenpeace activists, a Russian photographer and a British videographer. They are nationals of 19 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Denmark, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand.

The court said it expects to issue its ruling on Nov. 22. The tribunal was created in 1996 to rule on disputes arising from the application of the 1982 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. The convention replaced the customary idea of the "freedom of the seas" that limited a nation's rights to within three nautical miles of its coastline. Everything beyond the three-mile limit was considered international waters. As nations in the 20th century sought to lay economic claims ever further out to sea, they held a series of conferences to define what rights and responsibilities each nation has when using the world's oceans, a process that concluded in the 1982 convention.

It has 21 members who are all experts in the field. Their terms last for nine years. One-third of the judges are elected by the state parties to the convention every three years.

The tribunal states that "parties to a case have to accept the jurisdiction of the tribunal before the case is dealt with." Its verdicts are binding and there is no appeal, but the tribunal has no means of enforcing its decisions.

In its 17-year history only 22 cases have been submitted to the tribunal. □

French court:

Google must drop nine Mosley sex images

PARIS (AP) — A French court ruled Wednesday that Google must rid its search results of nine images of an orgy involving former Formula One chief Max Mosley.

Google's associate general counsel, Daphne Keller, said the ruling amounted to asking the search giant to build a "censorship machine" and that the company would appeal.

In 2008, the now-defunct News of the World newspaper published a story alleging that Mosley participated in a sex session with prostitutes. It also posted a video on its website that purported to show Mosley during the session.

Mosley has acknowledged his involvement but said the British tabloid grossly violated his privacy. He has since taken legal action in several countries and won suits against the paper in British and French courts. Images of the orgy can still be found on the Web.

The court ruled that Google must purge nine images

from its search results or pay 1,000 euros (\$1,300) each time one appears. It also ordered Google to pay Mosley 1 euro (\$1.40) in damages and 5,000 euros (\$6,760) in court costs. Mosley's complaint asked that Google purge all images of the orgy and cited nine examples. The court ruled, however, only that Google had to purge the nine. It was unclear if there are more images on the Web, but the court said it was important to keep the order narrow.

Google, however, still argues that the ruling is too broad. It says it already removes specific Web addresses from its search results when they contain unlawful content and has done so for Mosley. Google is concerned that it wouldn't be able to build a filter that only targets the Mosley images but would accidentally also weed out lawful content.

"This is a troubling ruling with serious consequences for free expression, and we will appeal it," said Keller. □

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Jamaica's press group applauds libel law change

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Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Jamaica's press association on Wednesday applauded an overhaul of the Caribbean country's libel and slander law, which had been based on a 17th century law from Britain. Media organizations in the former British colony complained for years that the difficulty and cost of fighting lawsuits, along with the risk of punishing judgments, stifled the press and freedom of expression. Some said they squashed potentially contentious stories over the years because of the risk of being sued. But after years of debate, both houses of Parliament have passed legislation amending a libel and slander law authorized by the island in 1851 and a defamation act passed in 1961. Attorney General Patrick Atkinson said in a Wednesday statement that the distinction between libel and slander will soon be abolished once the bill is signed into law. The Press Association of Jamaica said amendments include the removal of a provision under which people could be charged with criminal libel for making "outrageous" comments. The change also adds a "wire service defense" that says local media organizations can use reports from reputable sources without first checking for accuracy.

Jamaican judges, not juries, will now determine damages for media organizations found guilty of publishing defamatory information. The press association said this "will result in more reasonable fines which will not threaten the existence of media houses." □

Doctors:

Venezuela's health care in critical condition

FRANK BAJAK

Associated Press

MARACAY, Venezuela (AP)

— Evelina Gonzalez was supposed to undergo cancer surgery in July following chemotherapy but wound up shuttling from hospital to hospital in search of an available operating table. On the crest of her left breast, a mocha-colored

shortages and overtaxed equipment made it impossible for them to perform non-emergency surgeries. Driving the crisis in health care are the same forces that have left Venezuelans scrambling to find toilet paper, milk and automobile parts. Economists blame government mismanagement and currency con-

Doctors not allied with the government say many patients began dying from easily treatable illnesses when Venezuela's downward economic slide accelerated after Chavez's death from cancer in March. Doctors say it's impossible to know how many have died, and the government doesn't keep

diotherapy machines, precisely what Gonzalez will need once her tumor is removed, are now inoperable in a country with 19,000 cancer patients — meaning fewer than 5,000 can be treated, said Dr. Douglas Natera, president of the Venezuelan Medical Federation.

"Two months ago we asked the government to declare an emergency," said Natera, whose doctors group is the country's largest. "We got no response."

The Associated Press sought comment from Health Minister Isabel Iturria but her press office did not respond to repeated interview requests. On Wednesday, President Nicolas Maduro said she was being replaced after six months in the job. He did not explain why.

Last week, a deputy health minister, Nimeny Gutierrez, denied on state TV that the system is in crisis, saying supplies are arriving regularly from Cuba, Uruguay, Colombia and Portugal, and additional purchases "will let us be moderately relaxed until the end of the year." The interviewer read a viewer's question about Central Hospital patients being forced to buy their own supplies. "It's a hospital that received permanent stocks from us," Gutierrez said, promising to investigate.

The country's 1999 constitution guarantees free universal health care to Venezuelans, who sit on the world's largest proven oil reserves. Maduro's government insists it's complying. Yet of the country's 100 fully functioning public hospitals, nine in 10 have just 7 percent of the supplies they need, Natera said. □



Photo shows a patient at rest at the Central Hospital in Maracay, Venezuela. Legions of ailing Venezuelans are being neglected by a national health care system that doctors say is now collapsing after months of steady deterioration caused by funding shortfalls, numbing inflation and currency controls. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

tumor doubled in size and now bulges through her white spandex tank top. Gonzalez is on a list of 31 breast cancer patients waiting to have tumors removed at one of Venezuela's biggest medical facilities, Maracay's Central Hospital. But like legions of the sick across the country, she's been neglected by a health care system doctors say is collapsing after years of deterioration.

Doctors at the hospital sent home 300 cancer patients last month when supply

controls set by the late President Hugo Chavez for inflation pushing 50 percent annually. The government controls the dollars needed to buy medical supplies and has simply not made enough available.

"I feel like I've been abandoned," Gonzalez, 37, tells a bright-eyed hospital psychologist trying to boost her morale. Her right eye is swollen by glaucoma diagnosed two years ago but left untreated when she had trouble getting an appointment.

such numbers, just as it hasn't published health statistics since 2010.

Almost everything needed to mend and heal is in critically short supply: needles, syringes and paraffin used in biopsies to diagnose cancer; drugs to treat it; operating room equipment; X-ray film and imaging paper; blood and the reagents needed so it can be used for transfusions. Last month, the government suspended organ donations and transplants. At least 70 percent of ra-

BAE to stop building ships at historic British site

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LONDON - As an island nation that once built an empire by sea, Britain has a proud history and long-standing expertise in shipbuilding.

But buffeted by cuts in military spending and a decline in demand, the country's biggest military contractor, BAE Systems, said Wednesday that it would end more than five centuries of shipbuilding in the southern English city of Portsmouth and cut nearly 1,800 jobs across Britain.

The announcement prompted opponents of Prime Minister David Cameron to accuse him of playing politics with an industry intertwined with the country's history.

The company is finishing a large order worth several billion pounds to build two aircraft carriers, which had created the largest shipbuilding boom for the company since World War II, by some measures. With that order coming to an end, layoffs had been expected. But the scale of the cuts, worked out in a restructuring plan with the government, came as a surprise.

About 940 shipbuilding jobs will be lost in Portsmouth by the end of next year. That will reduce the port where Tudor battleships like Henry VIII's Mary Rose were built in the 16th century to a backwater in which only ship maintenance and servicing will be done. An additional 835 positions will be eliminated in Filton, near Bristol in southwest Britain, and Glasgow and Rosyth in Scotland.

Cameron tried to cast the cuts in a semipositive light. "In Portsmouth, yes, there will be job reductions," he said, "but there are many more people involved in ship servicing than in shipbuilding."

The government said it would invest 100 million pounds, or \$161 million, in an expanded dock in Portsmouth, which will become home to the two new aircraft carriers, HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales.

The biggest political backlash could come from the fact that BAE is not only shutting down shipbuilding operations in Portsmouth, but also moving some of its shipmaking capacity to Scotland.

The company said Wednes-

day that Glasgow was the best location to build a new fleet of Type 26 frigates. That contract is the company's next big order. Coming a year ahead of

to accuse the Conservative government of trading English jobs for Scottish ones in an attempt to persuade Scotland not to secede.

In an animated exchange

fence Minister Philip Hammond, questioning whether he was acting in Britain's national interest.

"What safeguards are in place if Scotland votes to



Workers leave the BAE Systems building in Govan, Glasgow, Scotland, after hearing news about job cuts at the defence giant. British defense contractor BAE Systems announced Wednesday plans to cut some 1,775 jobs at three shipyards, ending the building of warships in England for the first time in hundreds of years, once current work is completed on two aircraft carriers in 2015.

(AP Photo / Andrew Milligan, PA)

a referendum on Scottish independence, the announcement prompted lawmakers in the opposition and labor unions in England

in the House of Commons on Wednesday, the Labour Party's new spokesman for defense issues, Vernon Coaker, challenged De-

leave the U.K.?" he asked. "None of us wants to see that, but we need to know what plans he has in place for all eventualities." □

India gives foreign banks a new door into local market



A Citibank branch in Mumbai, India, Nov. 6, 2013. India's central bank unveiled Wednesday a far-reaching set of regulations to allow foreign banks into the country's long-protected domestic market, but demanded that they do so through subsidiaries incorporated in India and said that eligibility would be limited to banks from countries that reciprocate by letting in Indian banks.

(Chiara Goia/The New York Times)

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MUMBAI, India - India's central bank unveiled late Wednesday a far-reaching set of regulations to allow foreign banks into the country's long-protected domestic market, but demanded that they do so through subsidiaries incorporated in India and said that eligibility would be limited to banks from countries that reciprocate by letting in Indian banks.

Despite those two conditions, the new regulations are significant in that they allow greater competition in a country with a reputation for being difficult for foreign companies. The shift in direction is all the more notable because India has

a history of opposing demands from wealthy countries for more open trade in goods and service, and has even organized campaigns by developing countries against such demands during negotiations at the World Trade Organization and other multilateral organizations.

New rules for foreign banks have been under discussion here for years. The abrupt release of the latest regulations after the close of trading on Wednesday represents the most recent in a series of moves to increase competition in financial services by Raghuram Rajan, the prominent financial economist who became the governor of the Reserve Bank of India, the central bank, on Sept. 4. □

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the world's largest travel site. Windows on Aruba is currently ranked #2 of 91 restaurants in Oranjestad, and a Travelers' Choice® 2013 Winner.

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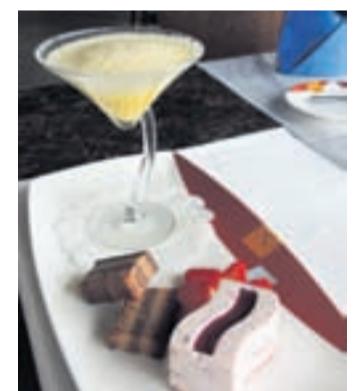
Windows On Aruba at Divi Links, enjoys spectacular views of the signature 9th hole, and is known for its gracious service and com-

fortable, stylish interiors. The restaurant is open for lunch from 12noon to 2:30pm and for dinner from 6pm to 11pm.

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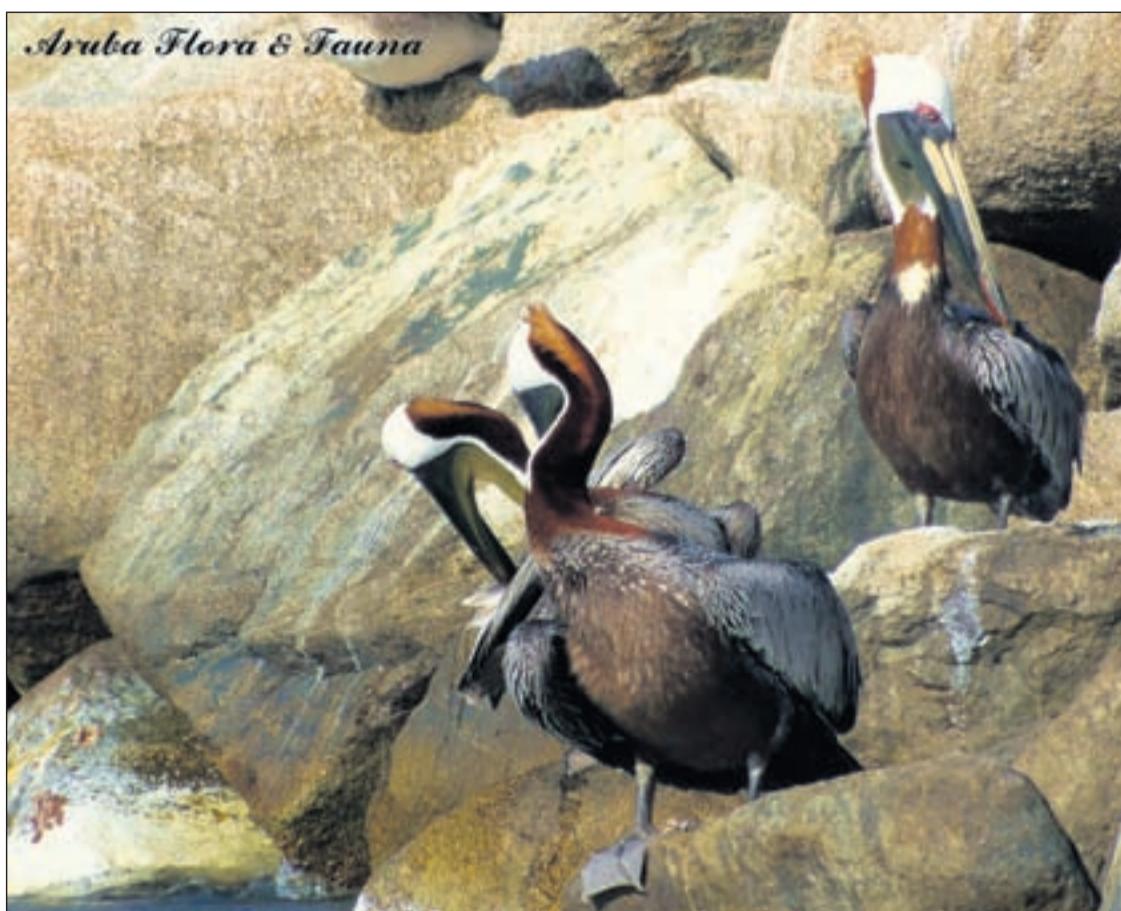
They have an extendable sac of skin at the base of their throat, which is capable of holding up to 3 gallons of water, several times more than their belly.

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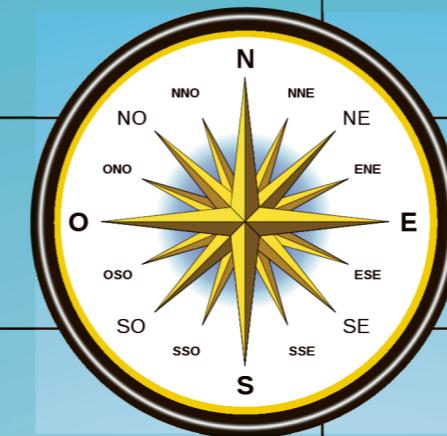
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SPORTS**Aruba TODAY**

James scores 35 as Heat beat Raptors

The Associated Press**TORONTO (AP)** — LeBron

James scored a season-high 35 points, Dwyane Wade had 20 and the Miami Heat beat the Toronto Raptors 104-95 on Tuesday for their first road victory in three tries this season.

NBA Capsules

Ray Allen scored 14 points for Miami, which lost at Philadelphia on Oct. 30 and was beaten 101-100 at Brooklyn on Nov. 1.

James also had a season-high eight rebounds and eight assists as Miami topped 100 points for the fifth straight game, extending their team-record run to begin the season.

With a putback dunk at 2:31 of the first quarter, James became the fifth player in NBA history to score 10 points or more in 500 consecutive games.

A four-time MVP, James joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (with streaks of 787 and 508 games), Michael Jordan (866), Karl Malone (575) and Moses Malone (526) as the only players to accomplish the feat.

PACERS 99, PISTONS 91**AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)** — Paul George scored 31 points, and the Pacers remained the NBA's only unbeaten team with a victory over the Pistons.

The Pacers have matched their best start in franchise history. They are 4-0 for the first time since the 2004-05 season.

Indiana blew a 15-point lead in the first half but



Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) drives through Toronto Raptors forward Rudy Gay on his way to the hoop during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 in Toronto.

Associated Press

took control again with a strong third quarter.

C.J. Watson added 15 points and David West had 12 for the Pacers.

Brandon Jennings scored 17 points for the Pistons, who were done in by their 5-for-25 shooting from 3-point range.

MAVERICKS 123, LAKERS 104**DALLAS (AP)** — Monta Ellis had 30 points and nine assists, Dirk Nowitzki was one of seven Dallas players in double figures with 11 points and the Mavericks beat the Lakers.

Ellis, Nowitzki's new pick-and-roll partner, put on a show for Steve Nash, the big German's buddy and old running mate. He was 11 of 14 from the field, made all eight of his free throws and had just one turnover. Nash was scoreless until the second half and finished with five points. Nick Young led the Lakers with 21.

BOBCATS 102, KNICKS 97**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kemba Walker scored 25 points, Gerald Henderson added 18 and the Bobcats held off a late run by New York to beat the Knicks.

Charlotte led by 13 in the third quarter before New York cut it to two points late in the game. Henderson hit two free throws with 13 seconds left and Walker one seven seconds later to seal the victory.

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Ryan Lochte hurts knee in encounter with fan

GAINESVILLE, Florida (AP) — Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte has been sidelined after an encounter with an enthusiastic fan. The five-time Olympic champion tore a

ligament and sprained another in his left knee last weekend during a visit to Gainesville, Florida. A teenage girl ran at Lochte, who tried to catch her, but the two fell over

in the process, his publicist said. Lochte hit his knee on a curb, while the girl was not hurt Sunday. Publicist Janice Lee says in a statement issued Tuesday that Lochte's medi-

cal team expects him "to make a full and speedy recovery." Lochte is next scheduled to represent the U.S. in the Duel in the Pool meet in Scotland on Dec. 20-21. □

Vonn completes 1st day of downhill training

PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colorado (AP) — Lindsey Vonn eased into her first day of downhill training on Wednesday, with the four-time overall World Cup champion holding back on her opening run just to get used to that kind of speed again.

By her fifth and final pass at the U.S. Ski Team's speed center on Wednesday, Vonn was charging so hard through the two-mile course that she bent over in exhaustion soon after finishing, trying to catch her breath.

More and more, Vonn is feeling like her old self again as her surgically repaired right knee gets

stronger.

The knee felt "really good," Vonn said as she scrambled for the warmth of the lodge following the bitterly cold workout session. The goal now? "Get faster," she said. "I need more miles."

Vonn, who's preparing to defend her downhill title at the Sochi Olympics in three months, added: "I feel fresh and training hard. Everything is perfect."

The 29-year-old Vonn shredded her anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in a crash at the world championships in Schladming last February, but has progressed much faster than anticipated. She even thought about competing at the season-

opening race in Soelden, Austria, on Oct. 26, only to skip it to give her knee more time to recover.

Asked if there were any regrets about sitting out that competition, Vonn said: "I was definitely disappointed. It's hard to say no for me. But I felt like I needed more time."

These days, all of her decisions are based on one thing: Being in the starting gate at full strength for Sochi.

Vonn will make her return to the World Cup circuit in Beaver Creek later this month, with boyfriend and pro golfer Tiger Woods possibly even showing up to cheer her on.

"We'll see," Vonn said, laughing. □



Lindsey Vonn, of Vail, Colo., speeds past the 2015 World Championships ski racing gate at the U.S. Ski Team training center at Copper Mountain, Colo., on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.

Associated Press

NFL hazing case shed light on tradition

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL, the most popular U.S. pro sports league, has been shaken by the allegations of racist hazing that have led to the suspension of one member of the Miami Dolphins and the abrupt decision by another player to leave the team and enter counseling.

The case has focused attention on the brutal sport's time-honored practice of teasing, hazing and joking around that happens in the typical National Football League locker room, and has raised questions about whether the tradition goes too far, especially when it comes to the youngest players.

In the case of the Miami Dolphins, players say they've never seen the kind of accusations of out-and-out bullying and harassment at the heart of why second-year player Jonathan Martin suddenly left the team a week ago because of emotional distress.

His teammate, veteran Richie Incognito, was suspended indefinitely by the team.

According to two people familiar with the case, the 319-pound (145-kilogram) Incognito, who is white,

sent racist and threatening text messages to 312-pound (141-kilogram) Martin, who is biracial. The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the Dolphins and NFL haven't disclosed the nature of the misconduct that led to Incognito's suspension.

The curtains don't often get pulled back on this sort of thing in the NFL. But when they do they garner quite a bit of attention in a country where even a regular-season NFL game gains higher TV ratings than a World Series baseball game.

The ongoing saga has raised questions about whether Miami coach Joe Philbin and his staff were negligent in allowing issues between Martin and Incognito to fester. Current and ex-players around the NFL say the situation reflects a lack of leadership because teammates of Martin and Incognito didn't intervene. The players' union issued a statement Tuesday saying it expects the NFL and teams to "create a safe and professional workplace for all players." Martin left the team last week and is with his family in California, where he is undergoing counseling for emotion-



Miami Dolphins guard Richie Incognito (68) and tackle Jonathan Martin (71) stand on the field during an NFL football practice, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Davie, Fla.

Associated Press

al issues.

NFL officials are trying to determine who knew what when, and whether Incognito, ninth-year pro, harassed or bullied Martin. A senior partner in a New York law firm with experience in sports cases was appointed Wednesday by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to investigate possible misconduct in the Dolphins' workplace and prepare a report that will be made public.

Players on other teams recounted stories this week of bringing breakfast sandwiches to players at their

en unwanted haircuts or get their eyebrows shaved. During preseason training camp last year, New York Giant Prince Amukamara was tossed into a tub of ice water by teammate Jason Pierre-Paul.

"What I went through wasn't bullying at all," Amukamara said this week. "It was just more of fun in the locker room. Of course, nobody's going to be happy being thrown into a cold tub of water, but ... things can get out of hand sometimes."

Like several other players around the NFL, Amukamara latched onto two particular elements of the Miami situation that moved past normal fun: "Anything that's racial or threatening, I think that's in the definition of bullying," he said. Some veterans, such as Minnesota Viking Jared Allen, consider such happenings a rite of passage they hope won't disappear entirely. "Some of the younger guys come in and there's a sense of entitlement, and you lose that work ethic, you lose that true veteran-led locker room sometimes," said Allen, who said he's seen teammates fork over \$50,000 or more. □

AP Source: Renteria set to become Cubs manager

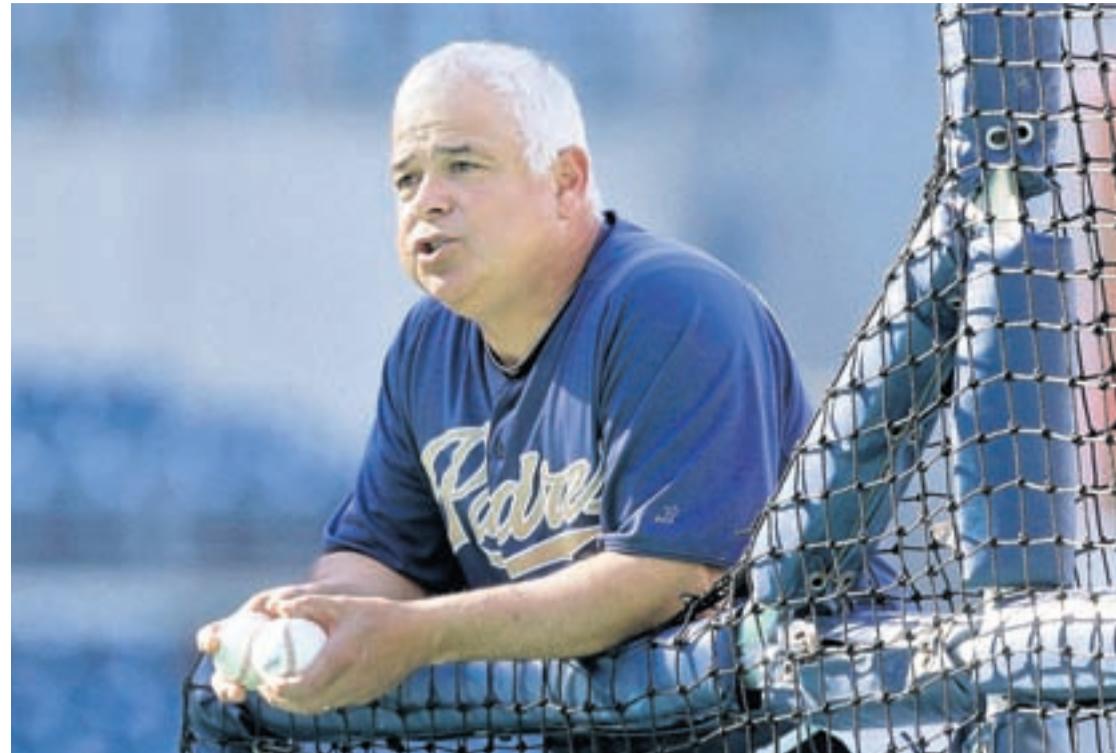
ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs are set to hire San Diego Padres bench coach Rick Renteria as their manager, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the hiring has not been announced. The team was expected to make it official on Thursday.

The move ends a long search that began with the last-place Cubs targeting New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi, only to be denied a shot when he decided to stay put.

Instead, the Cubs are hoping Renteria can help develop their young players and lead them to their first championship since 1908. He replaces Dale Sveum, who was fired after two seasons.



In this Sept. 23, 2013, file photo, San Diego Padres bench coach Rick Renteria prepares to pitch batting practice for the Padres' baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in San Diego.

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The Cubs went 66-96 this season and finished at the bottom of the National League Central.

A former major league infielder, Renteria spent the past six years on the Padres' staff and had been their bench coach since

2011. Before that, he coached and managed in the San Diego and Florida Marlins organizations.

Renteria also managed Mexico in the World Baseball Classic in March.

The Cubs are counting on him to get the

most out of young players such as shortstop Starlin Castro and first baseman Anthony Rizzo, along with prospects such as Javier Baez, Jorge Soler, Albert Almora and Kris Bryant.

The Cubs were 127-197 under Sveum and finished in last place for the first time in seven years.

They had targeted Girardi, a Peoria, Ill., native and Northwestern product who played for them. But the former catcher signed a four-year contract worth up to \$20 million to stay with New York through 2017.

That forced the Cubs to look elsewhere.

Besides Renteria, they interviewed former Mariners and Indians manager Eric Wedge, Rays bench coach Dave Martinez, former Nationals and Indians manager Manny Acta, former Diamond-backs manager A.J. Hinch, and Brad Ausmus, who was hired by the Tigers on Sunday. □

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Ovechkin scores 2; Caps top Islanders 6-2

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Alex Ovechkin returned from a shoulder injury to score his 11th and 12th goals of the season, and the Washington Capitals rode a second-period flurry to a 6-2 win over the New York Islanders on Tuesday night. After being sidelined for two games, Ovechkin scored twice on the power play in a five-goal second period for the Capitals, who have won three straight and are above .500 for the first time this season (8-7).

John Carlson, Marcus Johansson, Alexander Urbom and rookie Tom Wilson also scored for Washington, which netted four power-play goals. Nicklas Backstrom had three assists, and Braden Holtby made 34 saves.

John Tavares and Kyle Okposo scored for the Islanders, who had won two in a row. Evgeni Nabokov had 33 saves.

STARS 3, BRUINS 2, SO
BOSTON (AP) — Tyler Seguin and Rich Peverley scored in a shootout against their former team and lifted Dallas over Boston.

It was the second straight shootout win for the Stars. Vernon Fiddler tied the game for Dallas on a penalty shot with 2:34 left in the third period after he was tripped from behind by Dennis Seidenberg. It erased a lead Boston took with 8:21 remaining when Milan Lucic tipped in Dougie Hamilton's shot from the blue line.

The other goals came in the first period with Benn scoring for Dallas at 3:38, and Torey Krug tying it at 4:16.

The game was the first against the Bruins for Seguin and Peverley, who were traded to Dallas after last season.

Boston lost for the fourth time in five games after a four-game winning streak.

SABRES 5, SHARKS 4, SO
SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) —

Cory Hodgson scored in the fourth round of the shootout and Ryan Miller made 47 saves for Buffalo, which overcame a pair of blown third-period leads and beat San Jose for its third win in 17 games this season.

Henrik Tallinder, Cody McCormick, Drew Stafford and Tyler Ennis also scored for the Sabres, who have defeated the Sharks five straight times.

Tyler Kennedy and Tomas Hertl scored 70 seconds apart early in the third to erase a two-goal deficit for the Sharks. Tommy Wingels got another equalizer late in the third, but San Jose still lost its third straight game. Marty Havlat also scored and Antti Niemi made 32 saves.

Matt Moulson and Logan Couture each scored in the first round of the shootout, and then Miller stopped three straight shots before Hodgson beat Niemi for the winner.

SENATORS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Erik Karlsson scored two goals, and backup goalie Robin Lehner made 32 saves as Ottawa topped Columbus and snapped a five-game losing streak. Clarke MacArthur and Chris Neil also scored, and Jason Spezza had two assists.

Lehner earned his first win of the season while filling in for Craig Anderson, who was sidelined with a sore neck after a collision with Dallas rookie Valeri Nichushkin on Sunday. R.J. Umberger scored a power-play goal from his knees for Columbus, which lost its fourth in a row. The Senators are 4-3-2 on the road but just 1-3-2 at home.

OILERS 4, PANTHERS 3, OT
SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Mark Arcobello scored his second goal of the game and season 1:55 into overtime, and Edmonton snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over Florida.

Edmonton went on the power play after Scottie Upshall was called for tripping 32 seconds into the extra period, and Arcobello sent a slap shot from the left circle past goalie Jacob Markstrom 1:23 later. Taylor Fedun netted his first NHL goal, and Philip Larsen also scored for Edmonton. Devan Dubnyk made 20 saves. Ryan Nugent-Hopkins had two assists.

Upshall scored two third-period goals, and Marcel Goc also scored for the Panthers. Markstrom stopped 23 shots.

Florida has lost six straight and nine of 10.

HURRICANES 2, FLYERS 1, OT
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Manny Malhotra scored 2:40 into overtime, and Carolina broke a five-game losing streak by rallying to beat Philadelphia.

Justin Peters stopped 28 shots and earned his first win of the season while starting his fifth straight game since replacing the injured Cam Ward on Oct. 24.

Scott Hartnell had given Philadelphia a 1-0 lead with 3:58 left in regulation, but Jared Staal tied it with 52.3 seconds remaining to force overtime.

The Flyers, who have lost three of four, have scored more than two goals only once this season in 14 games.

WILD 5, FLAMES 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Zach Parise scored twice and Josh Harding made 24 saves in winning his fifth straight start as Minnesota routed Calgary.

Parise put the Wild ahead 2-1 with a power-play goal at 6:28 of the second period. Mikko Koivu, Justin Fontaine and Zenon Konopka also scored for Minnesota. Jiri Hudler scored his sixth goal of the season for the Flames. Reto Berra stopped 13 of 15 shots through two periods before the Wild broke the game open with two goals in 33 seconds midway through the third.



Washington Capitals right wing Alex Ovechkin (8), of Russia, goes for the puck against New York Islanders defenseman Thomas Hickey (14) during the third period an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in Washington. The Capitals won 6-2.

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Nadal clinches year-end No. 1 at ATP Finals

LONDON (AP) — This time last year, as the world's best tennis players faced each other in London at the season-ending finale, Rafael Nadal couldn't even practice.

Trying not to look too far ahead, the Spaniard was at home in Spain, just thinking about his badly injured knee. Nadal didn't know if he would play competitive tennis again.

"The thoughts about the future? Just focus on recover, focus on try to find a solution for my knee, and that's it."

Working every day, trying to do different things to try to be back," the 13-time Grand Slam winner said Wednesday of his feelings at the time.

Things have changed dramatically.

Twelve months later in London, Nadal capped his remarkable comeback on Wednesday by clinching the year-end No. 1 spot for the third time in his career. Just nine months after re-

turning from his career-threatening injury, Nadal became the first player to hold, lose and regain the year-end No. 1 spot twice by beating Stanislas Wawrinka 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6) at the ATP finals. Roger Fe-

derer and Ivan Lendl did it once in their careers.

Nadal, who beat Wawrinka for the 12th time in as many matches, can't be overtaken by No. 2 Novak Djokovic. It's the first time since 2010 that the Span-

iard, who returned from a seven-month injury layoff in February, ends the year as the top-ranked player.

"It is one of the best things that I did in my career: come back to No. 1 after three seasons. That's very difficult in our sport, and after a very important injury," Nadal said after celebrating with fist pumps and leaps as if he had won the tournament — the only major event missing from his victory collection.

The Spaniard advanced to the semifinals of the year-end tournament because of his straight-sets victory over the Swiss.

In Group A's other match, Tomas Berdych didn't face a single break point and stayed in contention to advance to the last four with a 6-4, 6-4 win over David Ferrer, who is out of contention after losing his first two matches in straight sets.

Nadal's season will be remembered as the story of a stunning comeback during which he captured 10 titles

— including two Grand Slams.

Following his defeat in the second round at Wimbledon last year and the extended absence that followed, only the boldest of bookmakers would have bet on Nadal achieving such success in 2013.

When he resumed playing, his left knee was still causing him pain. However, Nadal's confidence grew during a Latin-America tour which produced a 12-1 match record, including titles at Sao Paulo and Acapulco.

After securing his eighth French Open title, the only real disappointment of the year came at Wimbledon, where he lost to Belgian Steve Darcis in the first round — before adding a second US Open title.

The 27-year-old Spaniard also won five ATP World Tour Masters 1000 events and went undefeated on hard courts (26-0) through to the China Open final, where he lost to Djokovic. □



Rafael Nadal of Spain plays a return to Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland during their ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.

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Carmelo Anthony scored 32 points to lead the Knicks, but was 10 for 28 from the field. His back-to-back baskets late in the fourth quarter twice brought the Knicks within two, but every attempt that the Knicks had to take the lead failed. New York lost starting center Tyson Chandler midway through the first quarter with a right knee injury.

NETS 104, JAZZ 88

NEW YORK (AP) — Brook Lopez scored a game-high 27 points, Deron Williams had 10 points and eight assists and the Nets ended their four-game losing streak to the Jazz.

There were several firsts for Brooklyn, who beat the Jazz for the first time since January 2011. Williams got his first victory over the team that traded him to the Nets in February 2011, and it was first-year coach Jason Kidd's first regular-season game on their home court. He missed the home-opening win over

Miami because of a two-game suspension.

Joe Johnson had 12 points for the Nets, and Paul Pierce and Shaun Livingston each had 11.

Gordon Hayward led Utah with 22 points. The Jazz have lost four straight to start the season. They had lost their first three games by an average of 3.6 points.

SUNS 104, PELICANS 98

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Eric Bledsoe had 25 points, Gerald Green tied a career high with six 3-pointers and the Suns rallied to beat the Pelicans.

Trailing 60-50, the Suns scored 28 points in the last 6:23 of the third quarter to go ahead 78-69 and led the rest of the way.

The Pelicans cut the deficit to 87-85 in the fourth, but Bledsoe finished them off with three driving layups. Green scored 18, Markieff Morris had 17 points and twin brother Marcus Morris added 16 points for the Suns.

Eric Gordon led New Orleans with 20 points but had only six in the second



Brooklyn Nets' Brook Lopez (11) dunks against the Utah Jazz during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in New York.

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half. Anthony Davis had a quiet first half before finishing with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

ROCKETS 116, TRAIL BLAZERS 101

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — James Harden scored 33 points, Dwight Howard added 29 points and 13 rebounds, and the Rockets beat the Trail Blazers 116-101 on Tuesday night.

Jeremy Lin and Patrick

Beverley each added 12 points for the Rockets (4-1). Damian Lillard scored 22 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 21 to lead the Blazers, who fell after winning two in a row. Wesley Matthews added 19 points.

Playing for the fourth time in five nights, the Rockets bounced back from getting clobbered by the L.A. Clippers 137-118 Monday night in Howard's first trip back to the Staples Center since leaving the L.A. Lakers during the summer.

SPURS 102, NUGGETS 94

DENVER (AP) — Tony Parker scored 24 points, Tim Duncan had 17 and the Spurs pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat the Nuggets.

Kawhi Leonard added 14 points and Tiago Splitter 12 for the Spurs, who beat the Nuggets for the fifth time in the last eight meetings at the Pepsi Center.

Ty Lawson had 20 points to lead Denver, which is still seeking its first win of the season under first year coach Brian Shaw.

Kenneth Faried scored 15 points and had eight rebounds in his return to the starting lineup after coming off the bench in Denver's first two games while dealing with a sore hamstring.

HAWKS 105, KINGS 100

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Al Horford had 27 points and 10 rebounds, Paul Millsap had 25 points and 11 rebounds and the Hawks held off the Kings. □

Google: barges will be interactive learning space

MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

Internet giant Google says it is exploring using two large barges on the East and West coasts as interactive learning centers.

A statement released Wednesday from Google's press center helps end weeks of speculation about the purpose of structures on two barges, one being built in the San Francisco Bay, another now floating off Portland, Maine. "Google Barge ... A floating data center? A wild party boat? A barge housing the last remaining dinosaur? Sadly, none of the above," says the statement. "Although it's still early days and things may change, we're exploring using the barge as an interactive space where people can learn about new technology." In a follow up, a Google spokeswoman said the company was referring to both barges.

Google has been building a four-story structure in the heart of the San Francisco Bay for several weeks, but managed to conceal its purpose by constructing it on docked barges instead of on land, where city



This photo shows a barge on Treasure Island with the eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge at rear in San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013.

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building permits and public plans are mandatory.

Until now, San Francisco city officials responsible for land use and state officials responsible for the bay have said they didn't know what was being built there. Coast Guard inspectors who visited the construction sites could not discuss

what they saw. Lt. Anna Dixon said non-disclosure agreements were signed, but that those were not necessary, and that the Coast Guard, as a practice, doesn't share proprietary information it sees during inspections.

If Google wants to operate an on-barge interac-

tive learning center in the San Francisco Bay, the firm will eventually need to get permission from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The East Coast barge, built in a New London, Connecticut, harbor in July was recently towed to Maine.

Last year Google proposed building a land-based "Google Experience Center" which would operate as a private museum and demo space as part of new \$120 billion Googleplex headquarters it is building in Mountain View, California, where it is headquartered. □

Samsung aims to topple Apple as No. 1 in tablets

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Samsung Electronics Co. has a new goal after overtaking Apple in smartphones: it wants to be world No. 1 in tablet computers too. A top executive, Shin Jong-kyun, told analysts on Wednesday that Samsung's tablet business is growing rapidly and the company will become the biggest maker of tablet computers. He didn't give a timeframe. Shin said Samsung's tablet sales will exceed 40 million units this year, more than double sales in 2012. "Samsung tablet shipments started to grow remarkably since the second half of last year," he said. Research group IDC

estimates that Samsung sold 16.6 million tablets in 2012, lagging far behind Apple Inc. which sold 65.7 million iPads. But Samsung is on the rise, capturing 20 percent market share in the July-September quarter while Apple, which led the commercialization of tablet computing, fell to 30 percent. Apple previously had more than half of the global tablet market but its dominance has eroded as Samsung boosted sales with cheaper Galaxy Tab computers that offer many different screen sizes.

The same trend has already played out in smartphones. Apple transformed the mobile phone industry when it started selling the iPhone in 2007

but its success was quickly imitated and Samsung's smartphone shipments surpassed Apple's iPhone sales in 2011. The following year, the South Korean company became the largest supplier of mobile handsets overall, surpassing Nokia. Shin's speech was part of Samsung's first event tailored for analysts and investors since 2005 as the South Korean company tries to boost its share price, which has flagged despite a string of record profits. Responding to pressure to increase returns to investors, Chief Financial Officer Lee Sang-hoon said Samsung plans to double its dividend this year to the equivalent of 1 percent of the average price of its



A South Korean man walks by an advertisement of Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Note 3 smartphone at a train station in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 25, 2013. Samsung Electronics Co. had another record-high quarterly profit, thanks to revived semiconductor business and a record profit from handset sales.

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common shares.

Samsung also said it plans to adopt outside technologies and hire talent through aggressive acquisitions.

Kwon Oh-hyun, the company's vice chairman, said Samsung wants to be the top medical device maker through acquiring companies and developing its

own technologies. In the last three years, Samsung spent \$1 billion to buy 14 companies in medical equipment, mobile software and services.

The event failed to boost investor confidence immediately. Shares of Samsung closed 2.3 percent lower in Seoul. □

Dow Jones average closes at another record high

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NEW YORK (AP) — There wasn't any major economic news or blockbuster earnings. But that didn't stop investors from pushing the Dow Jones industrial average to another record on Wednesday.

stocks more attractive for investors.

The Dow reached its latest record of 15,746.88 with some help from Microsoft. The tech giant rose the most in more than two months after analysts at Nomura said investors should focus on how the company's for-

that investors may be getting wary of stocks after this year's strong gains, said Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ. Stovall said he didn't think the market's advance was in danger of being derailed, but said "investors are still a little bit nervous."



Avianca CEO Fabio Villegas Ramirez and Chairman German Efromovich on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Investors pushed the Dow Jones industrial average to another record on Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Instead, investors focused on the big economic news this week that has yet to come, U.S. third-quarter economic growth on Thursday and the October jobs report Friday. Both reports could signal how much longer the Federal Reserve will keep up its \$85 billion a month in bond purchases. That program has held down interest rates, kept bond yields low and made

tunes could improve once it picks a replacement for CEO Steve Ballmer.

Other indexes also gained, but not as much.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose, but not quite enough to set another record. The Nasdaq composite and the Russell 2000, an index of small-company stocks, edged lower. The patchy performance of the overall market suggests

The Dow increased 128.66 points, or 0.8 percent. The S&P 500 index rose 7.52, or 0.4 percent, to 1,770.49, just one point below its all-time high set Oct. 29. It's up 24 percent so far this year.

The Nasdaq composite fell 7.92 points, or 0.2 percent, to 3,931.95. The index reached a 13-year high at the end of last month.

Economists expect that the U.S. economy grew at an

annualized pace of 2 percent in the July-to-September period, down from 2.5 percent the previous quarter, according to FactSet, a financial data provider. They also forecast that U.S. employers added 122,000 jobs in October, down from 148,000 the month before. Weak signals on the economy could mean a longer period of Fed stimulus.

In other company news Wednesday, Ralph Lauren was among the biggest gainers in the S&P 500.

The luxury retailer rose \$9.33, or 5.5 percent, to \$180.52 after raising its sales forecast for the year in anticipation of a strong holiday season. Ralph Lauren also increased its quarterly dividend by 12.5 percent to 45 cents.

Tesla Motors was among the biggest decliners in the Nasdaq. The electric carmaker's stock sank \$25.65, or 14.5 percent, to \$151.16 after it reported a loss; analysts had been expecting a profit. The stock is still up almost 350 percent this year after the company turned a profit and won raves for its Model S sedan, which starts at \$70,000.

The drop in Tesla's stock was so steep that it triggered a "circuit breaker" on the Nasdaq exchange. The rule, introduced by the Securities and Exchange Commission to prevent big stock declines from snowballing, puts restrictions on short-selling a stock that has dropped 10 percent or more from the previous day's closing price. □

Barclays to direct Twitter IPO trading

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NEW YORK (AP) — When Twitter goes public on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, it will trade under the supervision of Barclays Capital.

Barclays Capital said Wednesday the social media company has hired the bank to be its "designated market maker," a critical role when a stock first starts trading on the NYSE.

Twitter's stock is expected to debut on Thursday.

A DMM supervises the trading of a company's stock. He or she is an experienced trader in charge of ensuring that buying and selling go smoothly. If trading becomes volatile, the DMM can step in and buy shares using his or her firm's own money.

DMMs are especially important the day a company goes public, because the DMM coordinates between Twitter, the company's investment banks and NYSE's floor traders to get a stock trading.

If technical problems arise, the NYSE uses DMMs to bypass electronic trading systems, allowing humans to trade a company's stock. That is not possible on all-electronic stock exchanges such as the Nasdaq.

The Nasdaq's trading system had technical problems during Facebook's IPO last year, which led to trading delays and problems with orders.

Barclays' role as Twitter's DMM does not mean it is in charge of the entire IPO process. That role falls to Twitter's investment banks: Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan Chase. Barclays is the NYSE's second-biggest market-making firm, representing more than 700 companies on the floor of the exchange. The British company acquired the business when it bought parts of Lehman Brothers after that firm's bankruptcy in Sept. 2008. Barclays has since added other firms to its DMM business. □

Wild price drops on Wal-Mart's website cause a stir

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First, there was Black Friday. Then came Cyber Monday. This week, some online shoppers found what might be called Accidental Wednesday.

Certain products on the Wal-Mart website displayed wildly low prices Wednesday morning, such as a kayak for \$11 or a treadmill for \$33, according to news reports and Wal-Mart. There was even

a \$579 projector available for \$8.85.

"We did, in fact, experience a technical error that caused some items on our website to display incorrect pricing," said Ravi Jariwala, a Wal-Mart spokesman. "Our focus is really just on getting this resolved as quickly as possible."

Information on the error that crashed prices through the floor was sketchy Wednesday. Although Wal-Mart said its site had not been

hacked, it had not determined the cause. Jariwala said the company suspected an internal technical error. Sales orders were not suspended, but he said customers might have trouble browsing the site while the problem was being fixed. Jariwala said the company was still "working through" whether it would honor orders placed for the morning's deals.

If prices had also been accidentally inflated, as well

- there was a report of a \$369 FurReal Friends monkey, for example - Jariwala said that he had not seen it.

The company has made a concerted push toward web sales during this early holiday season, doubling its website's offerings, to 5 million items, compared with last year. But Wednesday, it just meant that there were so many more items for the company to double-check. □

Volvo plots return to the US market next year

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DETROIT (AP) — Volvo has realized that safe is better than sexy.

After several years adrift, as it changed owners and flirted with sexier ads, the Swedish automaker is in the midst of an \$11 billion turnaround plan that it hopes will nearly double worldwide sales to 800,000 by 2020. It is building new plants in Sweden and China, introducing new vehicles and developing its own infotainment system that it says will be less distracting.

The company is also hiring a new ad agency and working on a bolder message emphasizing Volvo's reputation for safety. One idea that could make it into the company's ads: Volvo's internal goal of having no deaths or serious injuries in new Volvo cars by 2020.

Volvo doesn't currently know how many people die each year in its cars, since most countries don't keep that data.

But it says independent studies in Sweden have shown that Volvo passengers are several more times likely to escape injury after a crash.

During a recent U.S. trip to visit its dealers here, Volvo's top executives said the brand's ads have strayed from Volvo's tra-

ditional strengths and emphasized different things depending on where they ran. In 2010, for example, Volvo ran North American ads positioning the S60 sedan as "naughty" to attract young buyers, but it just confused people who knew the brand for its innovative safety features.

"Our strength is what we have built over decades," marketing chief Alain Vissner said.

And it didn't work. Volvo has lost buyers younger than 55 over the last five years, and now has a higher percentage of buyers over 55 — 44 percent — than some of its key competitors, including Audi, BMW, Acura and Infiniti, according to Edmunds.com.

Volvo's U.S. sales have tumbled by more than half over the last decade, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. The company is frank about why. Volvo had to regroup and develop new cars after Ford Motor Co. — which owned Volvo for just over a decade — sold the brand to Chinese automaker Geely in 2010. In the meantime, its aging models couldn't compete with other luxury brands like Audi.

The first of Volvo's all-new vehicles, the XC90 seven-passenger SUV, will go on sale in the U.S. at the end of next year. It's the first

time in 12 years that the XC90 has been fully redesigned. A new S40 small car will follow.

Until those cars arrive, Volvo will have trouble attracting buyers who are skeptical of the brand, says

Volvo in 1999 to help burnish its own image, but the brand racked up losses as Ford juggled it with a stable of other luxury names like Jaguar. Starved for cash, Ford sold Volvo to Geely for \$1.8 billion in 2010.

also opened the Chinese market to Volvo, which sold more than 28,000 cars there — or nearly as many as it sold in the U.S. — in the first half of this year.

Volvo could become the first automakers to sell Chi-



Hans Krondahl, EVP, Marketing, Volvo Cars of North America, introduces the new Volvo VOR XC90, right, and the VOR XC70, left, limited edition during its global launching at the Washington Auto Show. Volvo said on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, it will hire a new ad agency and work on a bolder message emphasizing Volvo's reputation for safety. One idea that could make it into the company's ads: Volvo's internal goal of having no deaths or serious injuries in new Volvo cars by 2020.

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Karl Brauer, a senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

"Nobody knows what sorts of products Volvo will produce under the new owners," he said.

Ford bought 86-year-old

Volvo CEO Hakan Samuelsson said Volvo isn't using Geely's cash for its turnaround, but the companies cooperate on projects like the development of a small car. The relationship

nese-made cars in the U.S., but only if it thinks U.S. buyers will accept that, Vissner said. The company doesn't currently have plans to build vehicles in North America. □

Samsung Electronics unveils bolder investment plan

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SEOUL, South Korea — Samsung Electronics, the world's biggest smartphone maker, said it would double its dividend, increase spending on acquisitions and consider a listing of its stock in the United States, through U.S. depository receipts.

Nevertheless, some investors at the company's meeting with analysts here Wednesday where the news was announced left grumbling that it was not enough.

The measures were aimed at lifting the stock price,

which slumped this summer on concerns that Samsung's profits from its smartphone business would be squeezed as the company faces more competition from makers of cheaper phones.

The share price "does not fully reflect our profit growth and our leadership position in the IT industry," said Lee Sang-Hoon, the company's chief financial officer. "Going forward, we will put more emphasis on direct shareholder returns while maintaining our strategy of growth."

Yet the announcements failed to squelch com-

plaints that Samsung was being stingy with the roughly \$50 billion pile of cash it has amassed. As Lee and other Samsung executives spoke at a rare "analyst day" — only the second in the company's history and the first since 2005 — Samsung's stock price fell, ending the day down 2.3 percent.

At the meeting, executives laid out their vision for the electronics company's future, saying they would fine-tune a strategy that has helped the company carve out a one-third share of the global smartphone business, with more than

double the volume of Samsung's nearest competitor, Apple.

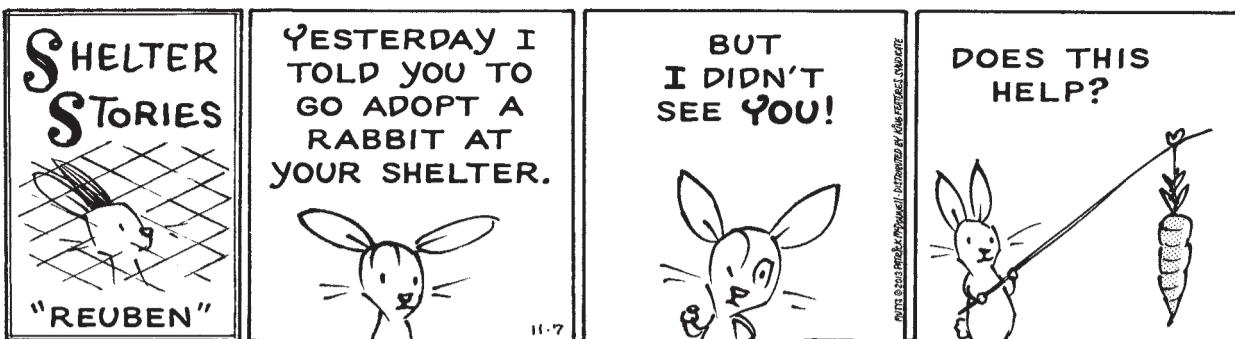
For a company of its size and financial wherewithal, Samsung has been conservative, relying largely on internal sources of growth rather than deal making. But Samsung said it would spend more on mergers and acquisitions, as it responds to what Lee described as a "paradigm shift" in the information technology business. The focus of innovation is shifting from hardware, Samsung's traditional specialty, to software.

To try to make its stock

more attractive, Samsung intends to roughly double its dividend for this year to 1 percent of the average share price, Lee said. The dividend would be payable next year.

Lee said Samsung, which is based in Suwon, just south of Seoul, was also considering another step — a listing of U.S. depository receipts, which would make it easier for individual investors to buy its shares. Currently, Samsung stock is listed only in South Korea, where its market capitalization represents nearly one-fifth of the benchmark stock index. □

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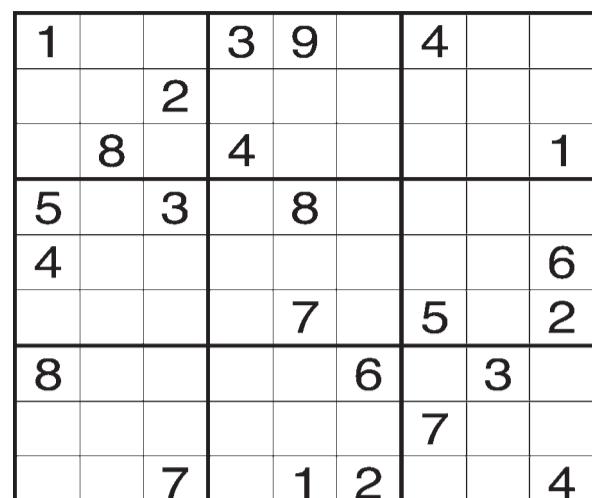
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer								
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6	8	9	5	3	1	4	2	7
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

A crossword puzzle grid with blacked-out sections. The visible words are:
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TEES KING NEVER
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NFL Roundup: Midway through the season, weaknesses surfacing

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Who could have predicted that winless Tampa Bay would nearly upset Seattle? After nine weeks in the NFL, 25 teams have lost at least three games. The other seven teams, including the Seahawks, have significant strengths but also weaknesses that they hope to hide.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (9-0)

The Chiefs have benefited from the easiest schedule in the league. They have just one win against a team with a winning record: a 17-16 victory at home against 5-4 Dallas. The past three weeks, the Chiefs defeated teams that started third-string quarterbacks: Houston's Case Keenum, Cleveland's Jason Campbell and Buffalo's Jeff Tuel. Kansas City has been able to dominate games with a defense that is producing remarkable statistics. The Chiefs have allowed 11 touchdowns, and their defense has scored six.

But ... the Chiefs need to pass to win. Against inferior teams, Kansas City can win with a conservative passing game and a dominant defense. The Chiefs rank 31st in yards a pass attempt, and Alex Smith ranks near the bottom in passing yards, touchdowns and completion percentage. After a bye this week, the Chiefs play Denver in two of their next three games. That will provide far more information than games against backup quarterbacks.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (8-1)

Seattle has the best record in the NFC and may have the most talented team in the NFL. The defense has allowed just 5.0 net yards a pass attempt and is tied for the lead with 13 interceptions because of a dominant secondary. A punishing running game is complemented by one of the game's brightest stars at quarterback, Russell Wilson, who is 12-0 at home. But ... the offensive line could cost the team home-

field advantage. Three key players - left tackle Russell Okung, right tackle Breno Giacomini and center Max Unger - have missed time. As a result, the Seahawks have been sacked on 10.2

burgh. Little stands in the way of an 11th AFC East title in 13 years.

But ... watch out for injuries. Vince Wilfork, Jerod Mayo, Tommy Kelly and Sebastian Vollmer are already out

or San Francisco, two of the league's best rushing teams. And the Saints have only a one-game lead in the NFC South over resurgent Carolina. In 2012, the Panthers rushed for



San Diego Chargers running back Danny Woodhead dives over Washington Redskins free safety David Amerson and lands short of the touchdown during the second half of a NFL football game in Landover, Md., Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013. Washington defeated San Diego 30-24 in overtime.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

percent of their pass plays this season, the third-worst rate in the league.

DENVER BRONCOS (7-1)

The 2013 Broncos may go down as the greatest offensive machine in NFL history. Peyton Manning should make a run at the single-season passing yards and touchdown records, and Denver should cruise to a 13- or 14-win season. Champ Bailey and Von Miller have each played just two games but should be ready for the games that matter most.

But ... the offensive line could cost the Broncos in the playoffs. The loss of left tackle Ryan Clady is significant. Denver's line is already without Dan Koppen, so depth is a problem. Denver figures to face top pass rushers in the playoffs - like Indianapolis' Robert Mathis, or the Kansas City tag team of Tamba Hali and Justin Houston.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (7-2)

The Patriots won ugly early in the season but looked like the Patriots of old in a 55-31 victory against Pitts-

for the season, and Rob Gronkowski and Danny Amendola are mainstays on the injury report. Even Tom Brady has been dealing with injuries, to his hand and shoulder. Injuries have played a big role in Patriots playoff exits in recent years.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (6-2) As long as Sean Payton and Drew Brees are around, the Saints will be defined by their offense. Tight end Jimmy Graham leads the league with 10 touchdowns despite playing with a partly torn plantar fascia for the past month. Brees has 21 touchdown passes, second behind Peyton Manning. A revitalized defense ranks fifth in points allowed a game.

But ... New Orleans is allowing 4.9 yards a carry, the second-worst rate in the league. Defensive coordinator Rob Ryan can confuse quarterbacks, but he cannot cure the Saints' tackling woes. The New York Jets rushed for 198 yards Sunday, providing a blueprint for Saints opponents. A path to the Super Bowl probably requires beating Seattle

492 yards in two victories against New Orleans; the Saints' defense does not seem any better equipped to stop them this year.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (6-2)

After a rough start, the 49ers' defense has allowed just 12.2 points a game over the past five games, partly because the schedule became easier. The team is No. 1 in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns, and Colin Kaepernick ranks in the top 10 in yards an attempt. □

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Polar bear researchers to try crowdsourcing

MATT VOLZ

Associated Press

HELENA, Montana (AP) — Researchers studying the effects of climate change on polar bears are experimenting with the idea of crowdsourcing data as improving technology allows anybody with an Internet connection to monitor the animals' annual migration in Canada.

Polar bears gather at this time of year on the Hudson Bay's southwestern shore to wait for the water to freeze so they can wander the ice and hunt for seals. The migration to the Wapusk National Park in Manitoba is far enough south to make the Western Hudson Bay polar bears one of the most accessible and studied populations of the species.

This is the third season that Bozeman-based Polar Bears International and Explore.org, a project of the Annenberg Foundation, are running live web-cam feeds of the annual migration. The webcams were set up to improve the education of people who



This undated web cam photo released Explore.org shows polar bears interacting with each other on the Hudson Bay's southwestern shore in Manitoba. Live webcams set up in and around Canada's Wapusk National Park allow anybody with an Internet connection to witness the migration.

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know little about the Arctic nomads, Polar Bears International Executive Director Krista Wright said Tuesday. This year, Explore.org has a new snapshot feature on its website that lets users watching the live feed capture individual images to download or share on social media sites.

In addition, a new smartphone application will let the hardy tourists who travel to Manitoba to witness the migration up close tag and upload their photos to Explore.org. Scientists want to see whether this crowdsourcing will help them in their research on the effects of

the shrinking sea ice and later freeze-ups on the polar bears' size, health and reproductive rates.

"The important point to me is that we need to explore the potential to collect data from whatever sources might be out there," said Steven Amstrup, chief scientist for Polar Bears In-

ternational, in an email from Manitoba.

The polar bears, after fasting all summer and fall, gather at the park's Churchill Point in October and November to wait for the freeze-up. The cameras broadcast the gathering from fixed positions on buildings in and around the park and on one roving buggy.

They allow anybody online to watch and photograph male bears sparring and mothers walking with their young across the tundra.

Researchers will look to add the best of those photos to their collection, and compare them with photo archives going back decades to better understand changes to the bear's conditions.

The images from the video feed may not be as useful as those captured by tourists and Manitoba residents who are there, Amstrup said. But scientists may be able to use some of those pictures to analyze how the bears' bodies are changing over time, Amstrup said. □



Oksana Tarasova, Scientific Officer at the World Meteorological Organization, WMO, informs the media about the annual greenhouse gas bulletin in the atmosphere during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.

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JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — World carbon dioxide pollution levels in the atmosphere are accelerating and reached a record high in 2012, the U.N. weather agency said Wednesday.

The heat-trapping gas, pumped into the air by cars and smokestacks, was measured at 393.1 parts per million last year, up

2.2 ppm from the previous year, said the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organization in its annual greenhouse gas inventory. That is far beyond the 350 ppm that some scientists and environmental groups promote as the absolute upper limit for a safe level. As the chief gas blamed for global warming, carbon dioxide's 2012 increase outpaced the

past decade's average annual increase of 2.02 ppm. Based on that rate, the organization says the world's carbon dioxide pollution level is expected to cross the 400 ppm threshold by 2016. That level already was reached at some individual measurement stations in 2012 and 2013. Scientists say the Earth probably last had this much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere at least a few million years ago, when sea levels were higher. Carbon dioxide levels were around

280 ppm before the Industrial Revolution. Trapping heat as a greenhouse would, carbon dioxide accounts for three-quarters of the planet's heat-trapping gases that scientists say are causing sea levels to rise, glaciers to melt and some weather patterns to

change. Methane, another destructive greenhouse gas, traps heat much more effectively but has a shorter life span.

Atmospheric methane also reached a new high of 1,819 parts per billion in 2012, which is 260 percent higher than the pre-industrial level. Methane comes from natural sources such as wetlands and termites, but about 60 percent comes from cattle breeding, rice growing, landfills and other human activities.

The rising amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere shows how people have "upset the natural balance of our atmosphere and are a major contribution to climate change," said Michel Jarraud, the secretary general of the World Meteorological Organization.

Carbon dioxide remains in the air for a century, some of it far longer, which means that a lot of future warming is already locked in.

The Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which is headquartered at the organization, says starvation, poverty, flooding, heat waves, droughts, war and disease are likely to worsen as the world warms from man-made climate change.

The warming of the planet since 1950 is "unprecedented," the panel says, and the Earth will warm by at least 2 more degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) this century, unless the world drastically cuts emissions, which appears unlikely. □

UN: CO₂ pollution levels at annual record high



In this Oct. 24, 2013 file photo, Justin Bieber performs during his 'Believe' world tour in Panama City.

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Report: Bieber caught spraying graffiti in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The website of Brazil's biggest news outlet published photos Wednesday it says show pop star Justin Bieber spray painting graffiti on a wall. And it adds that police want to question him about it.

The O Globo newspaper reported that photographers snapped photos of Bieber as he painted graffiti on a wall of the former Hotel Nacional in Rio de Janeiro Tuesday morning. Defacing buildings is a crime in Brazil punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine.

O Globo said police went

to the mansion Bieber rented in Rio to question him, but he was not there. Phone calls and emails to the police department for more details went unanswered. Calls and emails to Bieber representatives Melissa Victor, Nick Styne and Aaron Rosenberg were not returned.

In Colombian capital of Bogota, where he performed last week, Bieber upset authorities when he spray-painted graffiti on a wall along one of the capital city's main avenues while being escorted by officers in a police car. □

'Covert Affairs' star on directing, globe-trotting



In this July 21, 2011 file photo, actor Christopher Gorham poses for a portrait at the LMT Music Lodge during Comic Con in San Diego. Gorham plays a globe-trotting CIA agent on USA Network's "Covert Affairs."

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christopher Gorham plays a globe-trotting CIA agent on USA Network's "Covert Affairs," and he's starting to feel like one in real life. "I mean we've all become kind of little spies," Gorham said of the cast and crew, who are well-versed in the art of international travel. "We have our bags that

are just ready to go. ... We all have NEXUS cards now. So we're just zipping in and out through immigration and, yeah, we've gotten really good at it. I have a lot of frequent flyer miles." The spy drama is known for filming on location around the world and has made recent stops in Denmark, Italy and Colombia. Gorham just returned from shooting season four's final two episodes in Hong Kong.

"I mean it's kind of become a staple of our show. We are the ones who actually pack up and go to

the cities and shoot and the cities really become a character in the episodes," Gorham said in a recent interview.

"Covert Affairs" follows the on-again, off-again relationship between young CIA agent Annie Walker (Piper Perabo) and Gorham's blind tech operative, Auggie Anderson.

Gorham, who takes his second turn in the director's chair on Thursday's episode, said the cast and crew enjoy hazing him when he's in charge.

The first time Gorham directed, they came to the set wearing paper masks of his face. This time around they created mugs that displayed an embarrassing photo when filled with hot liquid.

"When they brought around coffee for the crew, everyone was drinking out of shirtless Chris Gorham mugs," he said with a laugh.

Gorham described directing and starring in the episode as both challenging and rewarding.

"I love acting and really taking on another person, another life," he said. "But when you're in charge of the entire story ... it's really exhilarating." □

Songwriter Dean Dillon honored as BMI Icon

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Songwriter Dean Dillon penned hits for George Strait, George Jones, Kenny Chesney and other country music stars in his prolific career in Nashville and several of those artists honored him as the newest BMI Icon at Tuesday's BMI Country Awards. Dillon has written more than 50 songs for Strait. The beloved singer paid homage with a medley of his Dillon-penned hits, including "The Chair," "Marina Del Ray," and "Here For A Good Time." Chesney, Luke Bryan and Lee Ann Womack also performed some of Dillon's songs at the annual event put on by Broadcast Music, Inc., a music rights management company.

Rodney Clawson was named songwriter of the year for helping to write six of the year's most performed country songs, including by Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw and Jason Aldean.

Young country artist Hunter Hayes took home the song of the year award for his smash hit, "Wanted," which was co-written with Troy Verges. □



Dean Dillon makes his acceptance speech after being presented with the Icon Award at the BMI Country Awards on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in Nashville, Tenn.

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Kennedy Center to host Broadway revival of 'Gigi'

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Theater producers planning a Broadway revival of the musical comedy "Gigi" will open the production at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

The engagement announced Wednesday is slated to open in January 2015.

Producers say they plan to bring Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe's "Gigi" to Broadway later in 2015 for the first time in more than 40 years.

Eric Schaeffer of Washington's Signature Theater is directing the production. He also directed the Kennedy Center's revival of "Follies" that went on to garner eight Tony Award nominations last year.

Playwright Heidi Thomas is reimagining the new production.

"Gigi," set in Paris, comes from the same composer and lyricist as "My Fair Lady."

The original novel by Colette began as a play starring Audrey Hepburn and then became a movie. □

Eva Longoria gets animated with 'Mother Up!'

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eva Longoria wants to shake up TV animation starting with one meaningful character: a woman stumbling through motherhood.

"I'm a fan of animation and I watch 'Family Guy' and I watch 'American Dad!' and you always see these really flawed fathers and the really perfect mom who is trying to hold the family together because the dads, they're just idiots," said Longoria.

She voices the character of Rudi Wilson in the 13-episode comedy "Mother Up!" debuting Wednesday on Hulu and Hulu Plus. Longoria also is an executive producer of the series in which Rudi, a former Manhattan music executive, resettles in suburbia with her two children.

She's got street smarts but is fumbling in her new environment: When Rudi tries to compete in the can-you-top-this arena of kids' birthday parties, disaster results.

Executive producer Michael Shipley (whose writing credits include "Fam-



In this Oct. 24, 2013 file photo, actress Eva Longoria attends the global premiere of Canon's "Project Imaginat10n" Film Festival at Alice Tully Hall, in New York. "Mother Up!" Longoria's animated series debuts Nov. 6, on Hulu.

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ily Guy" and "American Dad!") was inspired by the "venting blogosphere" of mommy blogs that chronicle the perils of childrearing, Longoria said. Marnie Nir and Katie Torpey are credited with original material.

Shipley's approach is "a really fun, impressive way into poking fun at the different styles of parenting that moms have," said the former "Desperate House-

wives" star who is a producer on "Devious Maids." The cast includes Jesse Camacho and Rebecca Hossain as Rudi's children Dick and Apple; Gabrielle Miller and Cle Bennett as Rudi's pals; and Helen Taylor as perfect mom Jenny. A character like Rudi is overdue, Longoria said. "People think that sometimes women aren't funny. And in animation, specifically, everything you see is

Cruise says he's close to daughter despite work

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise maintains a close relationship with his daughter Suri despite his divorce from her mother and a hectic film schedule, the actor wrote in a court filing to support his defamation lawsuit against a magazine publisher.

The actor's two-page description of his relationship with his daughter was filed Tuesday in a case against Bauer Publishing Co. The actor is suing Bauer over a pair of 2012 tabloid stories that claimed he had "abandoned" his daughter. The stories in Life & Style and In Touch magazines cited Cruise's absence

from Suri's life due to overseas film shoots.

"I have in no way cut Suri out of my life — whether physically, emotionally, financially or otherwise," Cruise wrote. He said despite filming back-to-back movies in the second half of 2012, he spoke to his daughter nearly every day and got frequent updates about her from her mother, actress Katie Holmes.

Cruise's lawyers are asking a judge to order Bauer to declare it didn't have any sources to support its contentions about his parenting role.

Bauer's lawyers argue that a judge should re-



This Tuesday July 17, 2012 photo shows actor Tom Cruise and daughter Suri Cruise leaving Chelsea Piers in New York.

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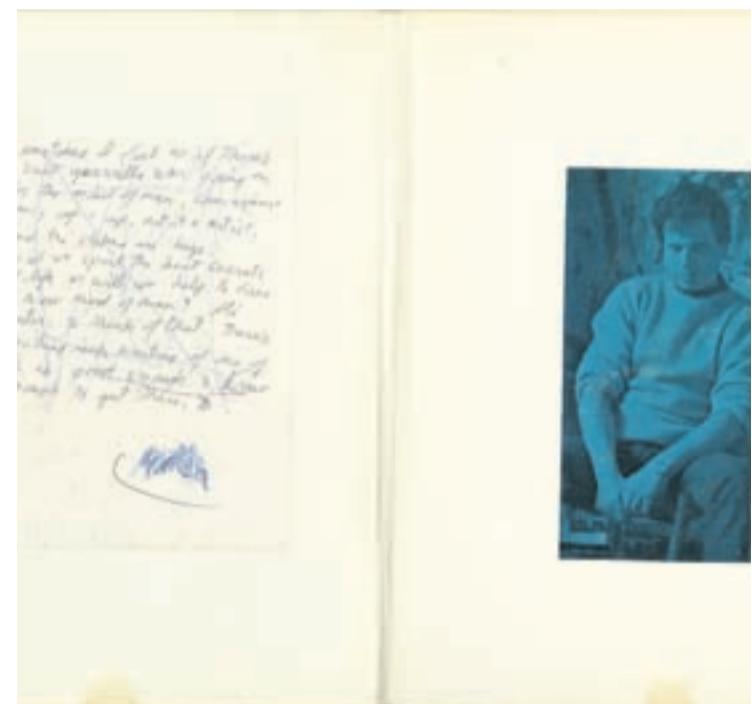
ject Cruise's motion. Their lawyers also cited files they have turned over to Cruise's legal team that describe the magazine's reporting and statements from confidential sources that the actor had missed Suri's first day of school and could have flown to New York to see her. □

male-oriented. It is a large male audience watching animation," she said. "But I don't think there's been anything women can watch that they can relate to and laugh at."

Asked to compare Rudi and Gabrielle Solis, her

"Desperate Housewives" character who had her own parenting issues, Longoria replies: "I think Rudi is Gaby on steroids. There's things we can do in a more comedic way in animation that we could never do in live action." □

Jim Morrison's handwritten notebook up for auction



This undated photo provided by Profiles In History auction house shows an entry in an unpublished notebook containing the musings and poems of The Doors' lead singer Jim Morrison in the last year of his life.

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NEW YORK (AP) — An unpublished notebook containing the musings and poems of Jim Morrison in the last year of his life is included in a coming sale of rock 'n' roll memorabilia. The handwritten marble notebook by The Doors' lead singer could bring between \$200,000 and \$300,000 on Dec. 18 in an auction both online and live in Calabasas, Calif., said Profiles In History auction house.

Eddie Van Halen's 1982 Kramer Frankenstrat is among items up for bid. The handmade, red-and-white guitar was used during Van Halen's 1982-1983 Diver Down Tour and recording of its most successful album, "1984."

Van Halen's signature is inscribed on the guitar's

neck. Its presale estimate is \$100,000 to \$150,000. Part of the proceeds will benefit guitarist Jason Becker, who has Lou Gehrig's Disease. Morrison's notebook, contained in a custom leather clamshell case, comes from the collection of rock legend Graham Nash. It was given to Nash by his manager, Bill Siddons, in the 1980s. Nash writes on the inside of the case that Siddons was the person who picked up Morrison's body in Paris where the singer died in 1971 at the age of 27.

Other highlights include handwritten lyrics to The Doors' "Riders on the Storm" and Bob Dylan's "I Want You." The first is estimated at \$20,000-\$30,000; Dylan's could fetch from \$30,000 to \$50,000. □

Pot And Jackpots



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Based on what stirs passions and wins headlines, it would be easy to imagine that the only cultural debates that matter in America are the ones that have to do with sex.

There are good reasons for our intimate obsession: Desire is intertwined with identity, sex conceives the human future, the family is the place where all our ladders start. But to understand America's changing cultural landscape, sometimes a wider lens is useful - because the same trends that have altered the way we think about sex and reproduction have wider repercussions as well.

Consider two issues: casino gambling and marijuana. We're used to the idea that attitudes on a controversy like gay marriage have changed with unprecedented speed. But both casinos and pot have gone mainstream over the last generation at a similarly remarkable pace.

In 1990, casino gambling was still concentrated in Nevada and Atlantic City. Then came the rise of Indian-reservation gambling; then came casinos with no tribal fig leaf. Today 23 states have commercial casinos, and the old model of casino-going as a what-happens-in-Vegas excursion has given way to casino-going as routine entertainment.

"In the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states," a report from the Institute for American Values noted this year, "nearly every adult now lives within a short drive of a casino." And after Tuesday, that drive may get considerably shorter, because New York voters are expected to ratify a constitutional amendment allowing up to seven more casinos in the state.

The marijuana revolution is arguably not so far advanced, since only two states, Washington and Colorado, are experimenting with outright legalization. But more such experiments are expected to follow soon, and medicinal marijuana is already available in 20 states. Meanwhile, public opinion on the issue has shifted about as fast as it has on gay marriage - from 32 percent support for legalization in 2002 to 58 percent in the latest Gallup poll.

There are significant differences in the ways gambling and pot have won America. The spread of casinos has been more of a top-down phenomenon, driven by states seeking revenue and an industry that's free with campaign contributions. The permissive turn on marijuana has been a more (if you will) grass-roots affair - driven

by activists and artists, influenced by empathy for the terminally ill, and hastened by public exhaustion with the drug war.

But both have been made possible by the same trend in American attitudes: the rise of a live-and-let-live social libertarianism, the weakening influence of both religious conservatism and liberal communitarianism, the growing suspicion of moralism in public policy.

And both, in different ways, illustrate the potential problems facing a culture pervaded by what the late sociologist Robert Bellah called "expressive individualism" and allergic to any restrictions on what individuals choose to do.

This is clearer in the case of casinos, whose consequences for the common good are straightforwardly disastrous. As the Institute for American Values report points out, the alliance of state governments and gambling interests is essentially exploitative, and the tax revenue casinos supply comes at the expense of long-term social welfare. Casinos tend to lower property values and weaken social capital in the places where they're planted, they're more likely to extract dollars from distressed communities than to spur economic development, and their presence is a disaster for the reckless and the addiction-prone.

Pot is a more complicated issue, given its essential harmlessness for many users and the crying need to lock up fewer Americans for nonviolent offenses. But one can support decriminalizing marijuana possession, as many states have done, while still doubting the prudence of legalizing (and, of course, taxing) its open manufacture and sale.

Whatever benefits legalization brings with it, it will almost certainly increase marijuana use, which has already risen sharply in the last decade. And as purely recreational as a joint may be for casual tokers, steady use isn't always so harmless: It can limit educational attainment, and with it economic mobility, to an extent that mirrors the impact of growing up in a single-parent home.

Perhaps these costs are just the price we pay for liberty, in the same way that certain social liberals and libertarians regard the costs of family breakdown as a price worth paying for emancipation from sexual repression.

But liberals especially, given their anxieties about inequality, should be attuned to the way that some liberties can grease the skids for exploitation, with a revenue-hungry state partnering with the private sector to profiteer off human weakness.

This is one reason previous societies made distinctions between liberty and license that we have become loath to draw - because what seems like a harmless pleasure to the comfortable can devastate the poor and weak.

Or else, with pot and slots no less than bread and circuses, it can simply distract their minds, dull their senses and make them easier to rule. □



Those Depressing Germans



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German officials are furious at America, and not just because of the business about Angela Merkel's cellphone. What has them enraged now is one (long) paragraph in a U.S. Treasury report on foreign economic and currency policies. In that paragraph Treasury argues that Germany's huge surplus on current account - a broad measure of the trade balance - is harmful, creating "a deflationary bias for the euro area, as well as for the world economy."

The Germans angrily pronounced this argument "incomprehensible." "There are no imbalances in Germany which require a correction of our growth-friendly economic and fiscal policy," declared a spokesman for the nation's finance ministry.

But Treasury was right, and the German reaction was disturbing. For one thing, it was an indicator of the continuing refusal of policymakers in Germany, in Europe more broadly and for that matter around the world to face up to the nature of our economic problems. For another, it demonstrated Germany's unfortunate tendency to respond to any criticism of its economic policies with cries of victimization.

First, the facts. Remember the China syndrome, in which Asia's largest economy kept running enormous trade surpluses thanks to an undervalued currency?

Well, China is still running surpluses, but they have declined. Meanwhile, Germany has taken China's place: last year Germany, not China, ran the world's biggest current account surplus. And measured as a share of GDP, Germany's surplus was more than twice as large as China's.

Now, it's true that Germany has been running big surpluses for almost a decade. At first, however, these surpluses were matched by large deficits in southern Europe, financed by large inflows of German capital. Europe as a whole continued to have roughly balanced trade.

Then came the crisis, and flows of capital to Europe's periphery collapsed. The debtor nations were forced - in part at Germany's insistence - into harsh austerity, which eliminated their trade deficits. But something went wrong. The narrowing of trade imbalances should have been symmetric, with Germany's surpluses shrinking along with the debtors' deficits. Instead, however, Germany failed to make any adjustment at all; deficits in Spain, Greece, and elsewhere shrank, but Germany's surplus didn't.

This was a very bad thing for Europe, because Germany's failure to adjust magnified the cost of austerity. Take Spain, the biggest deficit country before the crisis. It was inevitable that Spain would face lean years as it learned to live within its means. It was not, however, inevitable that Spanish unemployment would be almost 27 percent, and youth unemployment almost 57 percent. And Germany's immobility was an important contributor to Spain's pain. It has also been a bad thing for the rest of the world. It's simply arithmetic: Since southern Europe has been forced to end its deficits while Germany hasn't reduced its surplus, Europe as a whole is running large trade surpluses, helping to keep the world economy

depressed.

German officials, as we've seen, respond to all of this with angry declarations that German policy has been impeccable. Sorry, but this (a) doesn't matter and (b) isn't true. Why it doesn't matter: Five years after the fall of Lehman, the world economy is still depressed, suffering from a persistent shortage of demand. In this environment, a country that runs a trade surplus is, to use the old phrase, beggaring its neighbors. It's diverting spending away from their goods and services to its own, and thereby taking away jobs. It doesn't matter whether it's doing this maliciously or with the best of intentions, it's doing it all the same.

Furthermore, as it happens, Germany isn't blameless. It shares a currency with its neighbors, greatly benefiting German exporters, who get to price their goods in a weak euro instead of what would surely have been a soaring Deutsche mark. Yet Germany has failed to deliver on its side of the bargain: To avoid a European depression, it needed to spend more as its neighbors were forced to spend less, and it hasn't done that. German officials won't, of course, accept any of this. They consider their country a shining role model, to be emulated by all, and the awkward fact that we can't all run gigantic trade surpluses simply doesn't register.

And the thing is, it's not just the Germans. Germany's trade surplus is damaging for the same reason cutting food stamps and unemployment benefits in America destroys jobs - and Republican politicians are about as receptive as German officials to anyone who tries to point out their error. In the sixth year of a global economic crisis whose essence is that there isn't enough spending, many policymakers still don't get it. And it looks as if they never will. □

David Letterman, Scold Of The 0.1 Percent

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David Letterman is not only an author of "This Land Was Made for You and Me (but Mostly Me)," a new humor book he created with Bruce McCall. He is also a target of its pointed populist satire, and he knows it. "We're at the top of the list of dopes with too much money, who go to Montana and buy up land," Letterman, the longtime host of CBS' "Late Show," said recently, referring to himself and the few people who can call themselves his economic peers. "But there is a different view of it, hopefully, that some of us have not fallen prey to."

"This Land," which Blue Rider Press will release Tuesday, and which bears the mocking subtitle "Billionaires in the Wild," contains dozens of McCall's quietly absurdist paintings, depicting nonexistent monuments to extravagant modern-day wealth: a hunting lodge with an indoor airport, a ski chalet hurtling down a snow-covered mountain on a set of giant metal runners.

The art is accompanied by descriptions of fictional moguls and their irresponsible indulgences, like the "pharmaceutical patent fixer" who painted an entire river to match the clothing worn by his new wife, "the only former groin model to market her own line of eco-friendly sex toys."

Though much of this writing is McCall's, "This Land" has a lot to say about Letterman, an enigmatic figure who rarely expresses himself outside of his late-night show, but who recognizes the book as a vehicle for ideas - about this country and about himself - that he cannot necessarily get across in his TV gig.

Letterman, 66, was dressed in casual clothes as he relaxed last week in the "Late Show" offices above the Ed Sullivan Theater. Despite a longstanding reputation for reticence, he was in an animated mood as he spoke about McCall, a New Yorker contributor and cover artist whose work he has admired since his 1970s-era illustrations in National Lampoon.

The idea of coaxing a new book out of McCall seemed like a violation to him. This is partly because, Letterman said, he regards McCall's satirical writing and illustrations as if they were sacred documents - "This guy is Mount Olympus," he said of McCall - and partly because he was not thinking of anyone's gratification but his own in pursuing the project. "This was a totally selfish endeavor on my part," Letterman said.

according to Forbes. In addition to an estate in Westchester County, N.Y., he owns a Montana ranch on the Rocky Mountain Front, where he goes to relax and fret about the excesses of other billionaires. As one such example, Letterman pointed to the 17,000-acre Colorado getaway of fashion designer Ralph Lauren and its 30-mile-long teakwood fence. ("It's a three-rail fence," Letterman said. "That's 90 miles of teak-

friends on his ranch, Letterman said he would riff about an imaginary 1-million-acre estate in Manitoba called the "Triple-XL," established by "a guy who had made lots of money in nonslip rubber place mats he sold to Friendly's."

Letterman began pitching his flights of fancy to McCall, using McCall's daughter, Amanda, an author and former "Late Show" staff member, as a go-between.

(Amanda McCall said in

self, first and foremost, in this equation," he said. "I think you're allowed to make fun of dopes, whether they're dopes with too much money or dopes in Congress."

Letterman said he understood that the book could be politically barbed in a way that the "Late Show" can't really accommodate.

About the closest he has come to this kind of satire on television, he said, was after the Newtown, Conn., school shootings, when he used his broadcast pulpit to mock politicians who did not support gun-control reforms. But, he said, "I don't know that we ever got a head of steam on it."

"We did that," Letterman said, "and then we helped point out that the governor of New Jersey used to be really overweight. There's no glory in that. That was just cheap and an easy laugh, which at the end of the day is all we really want."

Asked if his work on "This Land" had made him want to contribute to more charitable causes, Letterman answered that this was something he had "done actively for a long time."

"But," he continued, "I'm not going to tell you what it is, because I'm from the old school where if you start talking about it, you're not doing it for the right reason."

But whatever cause he chooses, he said, there remains "this huge chasm of injustice, just by virtue of being born in the wrong place."

All he could offer on the subject, Letterman said, was a lesson he had learned as "a person who spends a great deal of his time wondering why he's not happier."

"I have found that the only thing that does bring you happiness," he said, "is doing something good for somebody who is incapable of doing it for themselves."

As a familiar sardonic tone crept back into his voice, Letterman continued: "It always works. It never fails. And so I guess from that standpoint, it's not generous. It's really sort of selfish." □



David Letterman, who collaborated with Bruce McCall on the satirical book, "This Land Was Made for You and Me (But Mostly Me)," at his office in New York, Oct. 30, 2013.

(Drew Gurian/The New York Times)

In a telephone interview, McCall, 78, described himself and Letterman as kindred spirits who share "a certain skepticism about the nobility of the human race."

Letterman "still thinks of himself as being outside the mainstream," McCall said. "He really doesn't feel part of the wider world."

But Letterman is also a prosperous entertainer with annual earnings of \$42 million,

wood the guy's got.") There was also the Resort at Paws Up in Montana, which has helped popularize an especially cosseted form of the luxury outdoorsmanship known as glamping.

"They have Wi-Fi in the tepees," Letterman said, exaggerating slightly. "The more you looked around, the more you realized: 'Oh my God, this exists. These guys have gone nuts.'"

While riding horses with

a telephone interview that her role in the project had been as "the courier and conveyor of excitement for two guys that use 19th-century methods of communication."

McCall did much of the writing for "This Land," with Letterman providing ideas, edits and suggestions for fine tuning. McCall said he expanded on Letterman's imaginary depredations to include "not just American slobs but Russian oligarchs, Chinese industrialists, French narcissists."

McCall said he did not see any hypocrisy in someone as well off as Letterman taking comedic aim at issues of financial inequity and wealth distribution. "George Soros is a liberal, too," he said. "You don't have to be stupid and poor to be a liberal."

But Letterman admitted to a certain cognitive dissonance underlying his involvement in "This Land."

"I would make fun of my-



An illustration from "This Land Was Made for You and Me (But Mostly Me)." (Bruce McCall via The New York Times)